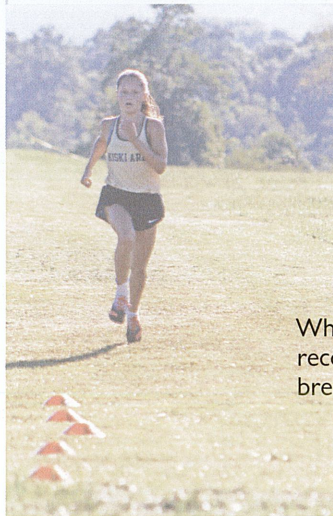




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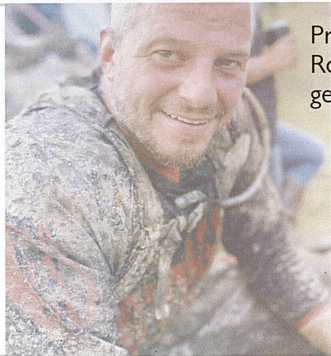


What school record did she break?

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# BREAK

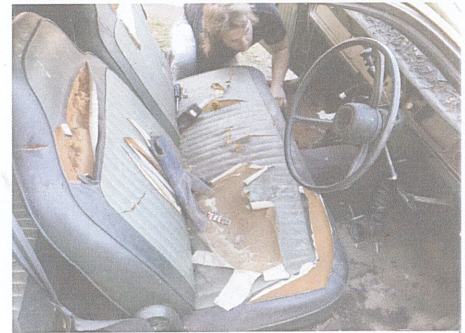
student *life*



Principal Roland—out getting muddy...

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Who spends evenings fixing up this 1972 Plymouth Duster?

people

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Get to know Lauren Pullet and her passion for marching...

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How one team coped  
with the COVID-19 ban  
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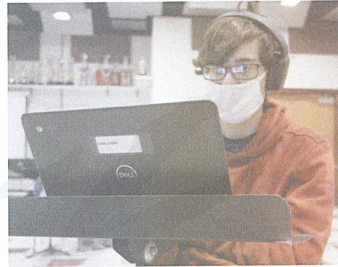


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First year without a  
Christmas concert in  
decades...



clubs

# ING NEW GROUND

Every vehicle got a bag  
of kettle corn for a  
graduation like no other...



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# 2021

#### Swing dance...

As color guard performs for their parents in the audience, the group uses swing flags during the ballad of the show. Rachel Helsel (12) said, "I like using the flags because the equipment is fairly easy to use since there is more dance involved during this part of the show." Helsel liked the break the swing flags provided during the performance.



Owen Zimmerman (11)



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

Conor Wolfgang (9)

Izzy Nolf (12)



Mia Devito (9)



Tray Kohler (9)



Conor Wolfgang (9)



Izzy Nolf (12)



Grace Wilson (11)



Madison Coniglio (11)



Taleen Jawoosh (9)

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11th - 287  
10th - 301  
9th - 272  
Total - 1124

Faculty - 82

**BREAKING NEW GROUND**

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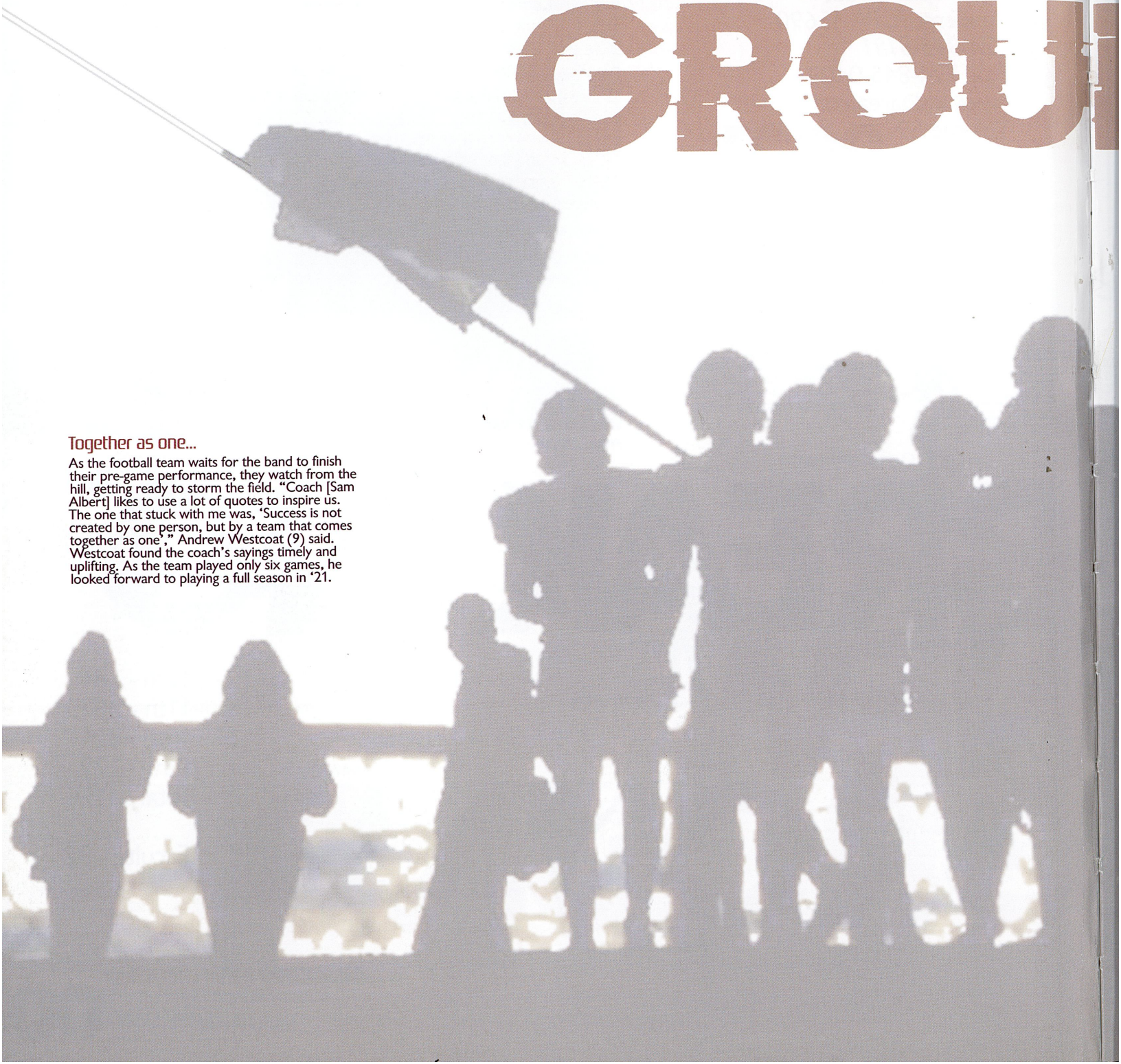
# BREAKING

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)

# NEW GROW

## Together as one...

As the football team waits for the band to finish their pre-game performance, they watch from the hill, getting ready to storm the field. "Coach [Sam Albert] likes to use a lot of quotes to inspire us. The one that stuck with me was, 'Success is not created by one person, but by a team that comes together as one'," Andrew Westcoat (9) said. Westcoat found the coach's sayings timely and uplifting. As the team played only six games, he looked forward to playing a full season in '21.





## Changes marked academic year

Story: R. Fowler (12)

# ND

Changes defined our year with new hybrid schedules, a mask addition to the dress code, and yellow directional arrows snaking through the hallways. The years 2020 and 2021 were unprecedented. A virtual musical performed cabaret-style, no Friday night lights, and walking to bathrooms a mile-and-a-half away from the classrooms encompassed a brand new type of school.

2020 brought touchless water dispensers and hand sanitizer stations outside every room.

"The hand gel smells like kerosene, and it is destroying the floor underneath it outside my room. I prefer to use my own in my classroom," Mrs. Hald (fac) said.

Some students' learning took place in the home instead of at the

school building. For some students, getting ready before sunrise turned into waking up five minutes before a Google Meet began, participating in their pajamas.

"On Day A, I wake up whenever. But, on Day B, I wake up as my fifth period is about to start. I usually do school in my room," Autumn Ashbaugh (12) said.

Difficulties infected school as we knew it, much like the contagious coronavirus itself. However, through collaboration and compassion, students and staff made the most of a tough situation. Yearbooks remained a traditional rite of passage, but 2020-2021 became anything but traditional. The yearbook staff and advisers hoped this record book served as a reflection where students "Broke New Ground."

For more about the flag on the hill, see page 127.

**OPENING**

*Breaking New Ground*

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# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR *year*

What would the 2020-2021 school year look like? Would I stay

would I get to class on time if I stop at my locker between periods?

# BROKE NEW GROUND

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Later updates from Governor Wolf included a closing of the schools for an indefinite period of time. Using the guidance of health experts and specifically the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine, Wolf kept the schools across the Commonwealth physically closed for the remainder of the school year.

Zoom Meeting

Participants: [List of names]

Announcements

1. Find experimental design tips tomorrow by 8 PM, with NDVC Chat [Link](#)
2. New spinup posted for this cycle  
 - [Link](#) - high-level overview about participants, their sources, impacts, and a link to a spinup overview [Link](#)
3. New spin up on Elementary Learning on GC 'Fire Fox'  
 - [Link](#) - spinup overview [Link](#)
4. An update that will be Wednesday, April 29th from 1 PM - 2 PM
5. An all-hands meeting for the May trial after 4:20

After we connect to GC

We'll be back tomorrow for the May trial with a complete suite of notes for each AFES unit.

**LEARNING**  
*virtually* **INA**  
**NEW WAY**

# AR

During the quarantine period, students reported about their new 'bedtimes' and 'wake up times'. A summary of their answers appears in the pie charts here.



# MAY

## Diploma door dash...



Photos: J. Peterman (fac)



### On a roll...

With the COVID-19 shutdown, Dr. Roland, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gonnella, and Mr. Peterman proudly took to the road, escorted by Officer Butz, to deliver caps and gowns to the 2020 graduates. While Roland expected the entire delivery to last just a few days, delivery actually amounted to five. The first day the trek went topsy-turvy as Gonnella found himself rolling all over the floor of Roland's trailer on a windy turn. Luckily, he sustained only minor scrapes and scratches. During a stop along Route 819, Roland encountered Nico The Dog, who seemed quite pleased to receive his diploma.

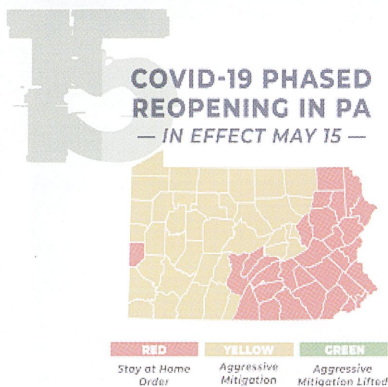
"I am working out, spending as much time as I can with my family, and driving around on my golf cart."

Morgan Perry (12)



"I have been exercising, spending time with my family, and spending more time at the farm."

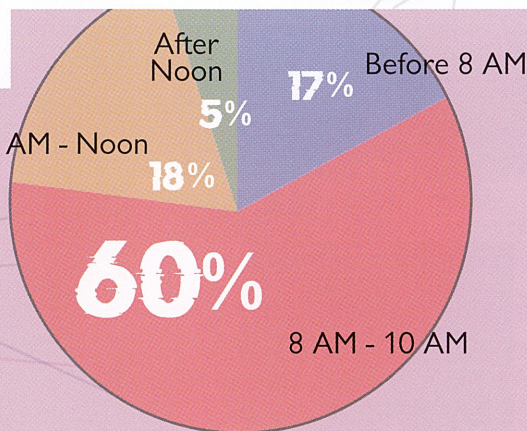
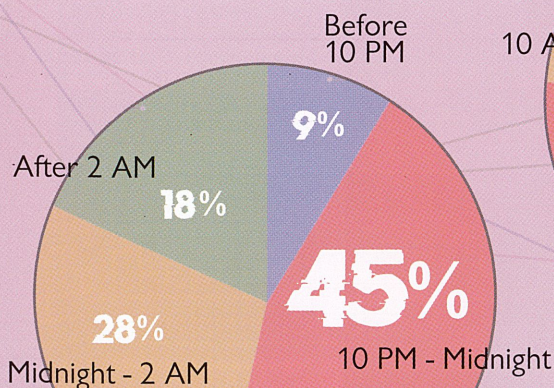
Mackenzie Rainey (9)



### Changing colors...

Westmoreland County and most of southwestern Pennsylvania moved from the red phase to the yellow phase as Governor Tom Wolf attempted to carefully reopen the Commonwealth. The yellow phase involved keeping schools closed for in-person instruction, expanded the size of gatherings to no more than 25, but lifted the stay-at-home order for aggressive mitigation and allowed for in-person retail at many stores that closed in mid-March.

## Time for bed



## Wake up time

"I have been doing a lot more sleeping, watching Tiktoks to pass the time, and snapping my friends."

Nyeemah Bell (9)

Name three activities you did during the coronavirus shutdown.

**YEAR IN REVIEW**

March, April, May

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# MAY 21ST

## GORDMANS

*we hardly  
knew ye...*

As Peebles Department Store in the Hyde Park Plaza turned into Gordmans on February 18, a new store with low-priced name-brand clothing, home decor, fragrances, jewelry, toys, and pet accessories seemed a perfect fit in the plaza (especially after the closure of



Kmart). However, the coronavirus shutdown wreaked havoc on the ability for Gordmans to establish itself locally. The parent company of Gordmans, Houston-based Stage Stores, Inc. announced it filed

for bankruptcy, which signaled the end of the short life of Gordmans in the Alle-Kiski Valley. Even though Gordmans reopened when Governor Wolf eased restrictions, the ill fate of the store never wavered.

# PROTEST in VANDERGRIFT



Photo: Louis P. Ruediger (Tribune-Review)

The spark to a summer of unrest in the United States occurred with the death of 46-year-old George Floyd during his arrest for allegedly trying to pass a counterfeit \$20 bill in Minneapolis. Police officer Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd for nearly nine minutes. Protests over his death broke out in Minneapolis and eventually many other cities across

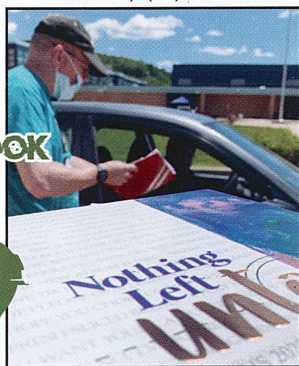
the country. Some protests remained peaceful while others devolved into rioting and looting. In Vandergrift, local businesses braced for unrest before a protest scheduled for June 4th. However, the folks who showed up and marched did so without incident.

# the 25th

# As the SCHOOL YEAR WINDS DOWN

## ROCKET MEN

Photo: S. Gracey (fac)



When NASA ended the Space Shuttle program in 2011, many people wondered what would happen to the United States Space Program. Elon Musk and his SpaceX company took the reigns of the program, and, in conjunction with NASA, they launched two astronauts from U.S. soil for the first time in almost a decade. After bad weather scratched the mission on May 27, clear blue skies welcomed a flawless launch. About 10 minutes after liftoff, the Falcon 9 rocket booster successfully landed back on Earth on a drone ship in the Atlantic Ocean. Astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley continued on with their mission to the International Space Station.

# LATE YEARBOOK Arrival 29

## Warehouse blues...

At 9:45 AM, the 2020 yearbooks finally showed up at the high school and distribution commenced. Earlier in the week, the location of the books remained unknown as the tracking number from UPS Freight did not work. Cheryl Franzmann, the local Walsworth representative, made some phone calls and tracked the books down. For some reason, they ended up sitting in a UPS warehouse in Brookville, Missouri. Franzmann had them delivered back to the Walsworth facility in Marceline, Missouri. She then had them sent out on an overnight delivery to the high school. Students started receiving their yearbooks at about 10:00 AM, and distribution continued the following Monday.

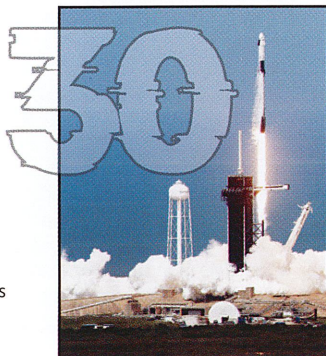
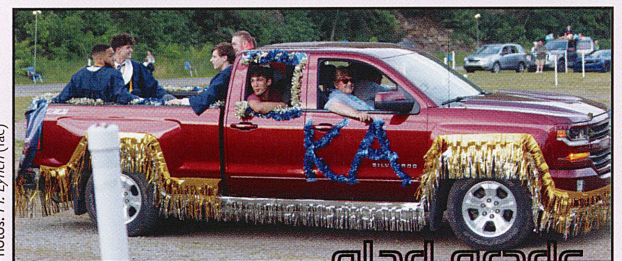


Photo: Associated Press

## CEREMONY HELD AT LOCAL DRIVE-IN



Photos: M. Lynch (fac)

## glad grads



Everyone appreciated the local meteorologists missing the forecast, as the predicted potentially severe storms never came to fruition and Graduation 2020 went off without a hitch. Hosted at the Riverside Drive-in, due to the coronavirus pandemic, 256 graduates and their families filled the theater for the ceremony. The parade from the high school with free kettle corn, the procession into the theater, the backdrop of the drive-in, the ambiance of the entire evening and the speeches by Lauren Michaels (2020 grad), Malcolm Holden (2020 grad), and Dr. Roland made for a memorable evening for the Class of 2020.

"I rewatched *Dance Moms*, which I would've never had the time to do if it wasn't for this quarantine."

Sylvia Chin (9)



As the school year ended, students shared the farthest location they traveled to in the month of June.



"My uncle and I traveled to eastern Kentucky for a chicken show. My brown red rooster took first place in the brown red rooster category."

Carter Martin (9)



"I went to North Apollo, PA to visit my mom and little brother. I played against him in Super Smash Bros. to get ready for an upcoming gaming tournament."

Skylar Watterson (9)



"My mom, dad, little brother, and I went to rural western Virginia to go mountain biking. I have been mountain biking for five years. My brother is not as into it as the rest of us."

Ronin Wilczek (9)

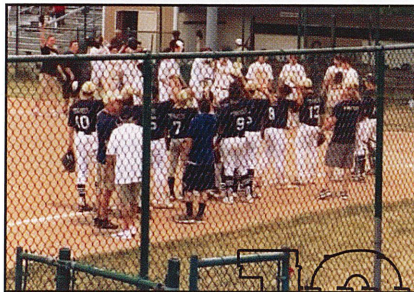
Photo: S. Gracey (fac)



### Built-in mask...

Even though the Class of 2020 participated in the ceremony the night before, the graduates had to return to school the next day to receive their actual diplomas. Some students like Shannon Malloy brought their dog, but Elisabeth Thompson brought a most unique pet, a baby raccoon. After her family found the abandoned cub, they adopted him.

Photo: L. Hald (fac)



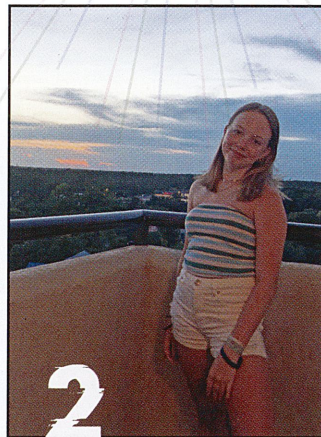
### One way or another...

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic that cancelled the 2020 baseball season, the Western Pennsylvania Summer Baseball League formed to give the players a chance to play ball. The Golden Cavaliers team upended Gateway on the road with an 8-4 victory. The pitching of Ryan Rametta (2020 grad) and Kyle Weiser (12) propelled the boys to victory. Billy Perroz (2020 grad), Rametta, Frankie DiNunno (12), and Owen Werkeiser (11) contributed key RBIs to the cause. A slate of 15 games included matchups against rivals Norwin, Franklin Regional, and Armstrong, among others, with up to three or four games per week.

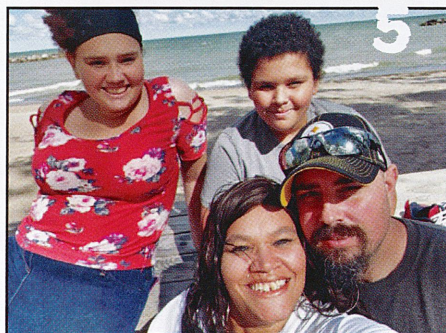
WE STILL **10**  
get to **play!**

# Hot Fun in the SUMMERTIME

Students did not let pandemic keep them from enjoying summer months



1. Blake Fritz (9) and Josh Roden (9) parasail at the Outer Banks in North Carolina.
2. Savannah Ruperio (9) enjoys a sunset in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
3. Brandon Doland (11) puts on his safety gear to race at Latrobe Speedway in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.
4. Savannah Renwick (10) and Rachel Frye (10) kayak at Keystone State Park in Derry, Pennsylvania.
5. Aaliyah Russo (9) and her family spend quality time on the beaches of Presque Isle in Erie, Pennsylvania.



### grounde quote

"Mammoth Caves and Corvettes made for a great family trip in Kentucky."

Dylan McCandless (11)

Name an activity you engaged in that you would not have if not for the coronavirus shutdown.

"One thing I probably would not have done if it was not for the coronavirus shutdown is helping to cook more. I help with dinner more often and also with random desserts. I get to spend more time with my dad as we cook."

Heather Schmidt (10)

"I have spent a lot more time participating in the virtual play 10 Ways to Survive a Life in Quarantine."

Ambur Orowitz (9)

### YEAR IN REVIEW

May, June, and July

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# JULY

# ONCE IN A LONG *While*



Photo: cbsnews.com

Discovered in March, the Near-Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (NEOWISE) from NASA, happened upon a new comet, or at the least, new to anyone currently inhabiting Earth. With an orbit around the sun that takes it close enough for people to see once every 6,800 years, Comet NEOWISE's appearance represented a welcome distraction from the COVID-19 pandemic. After the sun set, one could locate the comet in the northwestern sky below the Big Dipper. July 22nd marked the day the comet came closest to Earth at 64 million miles.

If anyone from today remained living in the year 8820, they could tell stories of the last time they saw Comet NEOWISE.

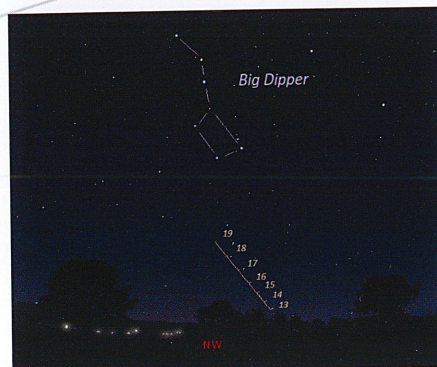


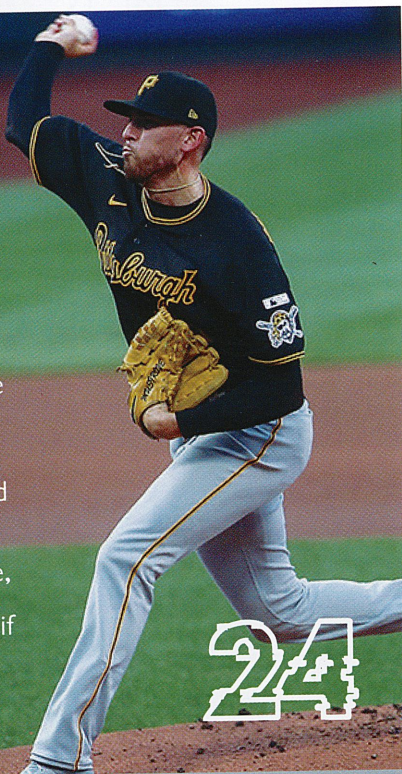
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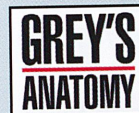
## Finally... *Play Ball*

After a shortened spring training 2.0 with three exhibition games against the Cleveland Indians, the Pittsburgh Pirates embarked on an abbreviated 60-game schedule that saw them lose their opener in St. Louis by the score of 5-4. Jack Flaherty of the Cardinals outpitched Joe Musgrove as Paul Dejong, Tyler O'Neil, and Dexter Fowler hit home runs in their team's winning effort.

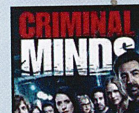
In addition to the short season schedule, some rule changes implemented for the season included using a designated hitter in the National League, starting extra innings with a runner at second base, and requiring a relief pitcher to face a minimum of three batters, except if it ends an inning.



## What TV show did you binge this summer?



Caitlyn Alexander (12), Madison Bachar (10), Isabella Bendtsen (9), Tatiana Holt (9), Hayley Kerfoot (12), Emma King (10), Mateya Maldonado (10), Mackenzie Rainey (9), Faith Skurkow (10), Nicole Yohe (9).



Faith Boyle (11), Victoria Crystaloski (9), Grace Geltz (10), Abigail Mortensen (10), Hayley Petrella (12), Jonah Pusateri (9), Isabel Ramos (11), Abigail Reynolds (9), Damien Schuffert (10).



Tatum Antimary (9), Marissa Baker (12), Brittini Barnhart (9), Elizabeth Crawford (11), Hannah Crosby (12), Olivia Hansen (12), Sarah Musser (11), Emily Schrag (12), Kate Wigton (10), Lily Zornow (10).



Garrett Seymour (9)  
Bennett Zukas (9)

## Penguins clipped...

When the National Hockey League season abruptly stopped in mid-March, the Penguins stood to earn a playoff spot and make a run at winning the Stanley Cup. The NHL, with help from medical professionals, found a way to restart the season by having the top 24 teams (12 in the Eastern Conference and 12 in the Western Conference) compete in two "bubbles" in Toronto, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta.

As the fifth seed in the East, the Penguins matched up against the 12th seeded Montreal Canadiens in a best-of-five series. Montreal won the first game with Pittsburgh taking game two.

However, the Canadiens out hustled and out scored the Penguins in games three and four to move on in the Stanley Cup playoffs. Matt Murray started in goal for the first three games, but Tristan Jarry manned the goal in game four.

Unfortunately for the Penguins, they did not score and lost the clincher 2-0. With the Stanley Cup Finals slated to finish no later than October, 4, 2020, it would require a delayed start to the 2020-2021 NHL season.

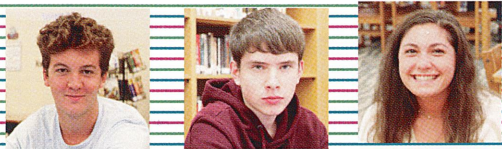


Photo: DKPittsburghsports.com

# AUGUST



# ALERT



## grounded quote

"I chose 100% online instruction because I like being able to do school from my bed and be in the comfort of my own home."

Cecilia Brennan (12)

Many students returned to school in a hybrid plan where they physically went twice per week. Other area schools returned with full face-to-face instruction five days per week.

*If you had the choice, which model would you have preferred?*

"I would prefer full-time face-to-face learning because it would feel like things are getting back to normal. I focus more and get my work done when I'm in school, compared to being at home."

Zachary Jordan (11)

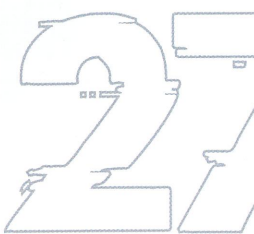
"I think hybrid is better than 100% going back because it is less stressful and easier."

Max Evonovich (9)

"Full-time, five days a week. I feel I learn better when in school, and it's easier to ask questions. I also enjoy dressing up and seeing my friends."

Macey Hepler (11)

## Meet the teacher, technically speaking...



Open House required a name change since the doors to the school remained closed on the evening that parents and students met the teachers. Therefore, *Meet the Teacher Night* debuted in a virtual world as parents, students, and teachers stayed at home and talked via Google Meet. Teachers created their sessions while linking the code to their names on the

faculty roster provided by the administrators. Parents clicked on the teachers' names to join the Meets. Teachers talked about how their classes would operate in virtual and hybrid environments, and parents asked pertinent questions. In spite of the strong line of thunderstorms that knocked out power to some in the Alle-Kiski Valley, several teachers reported a higher-than-normal attendance rate by parents, which made one wonder if this represents the model for future *Meet the Teacher Nights*.

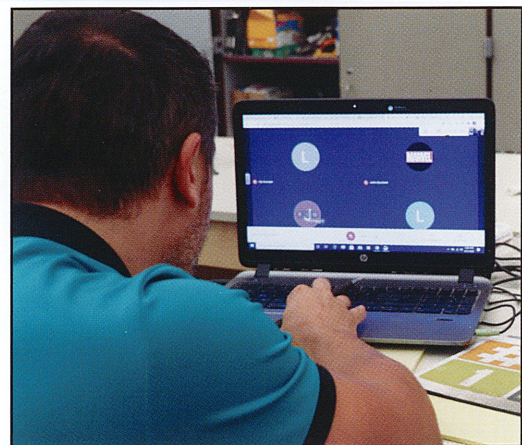
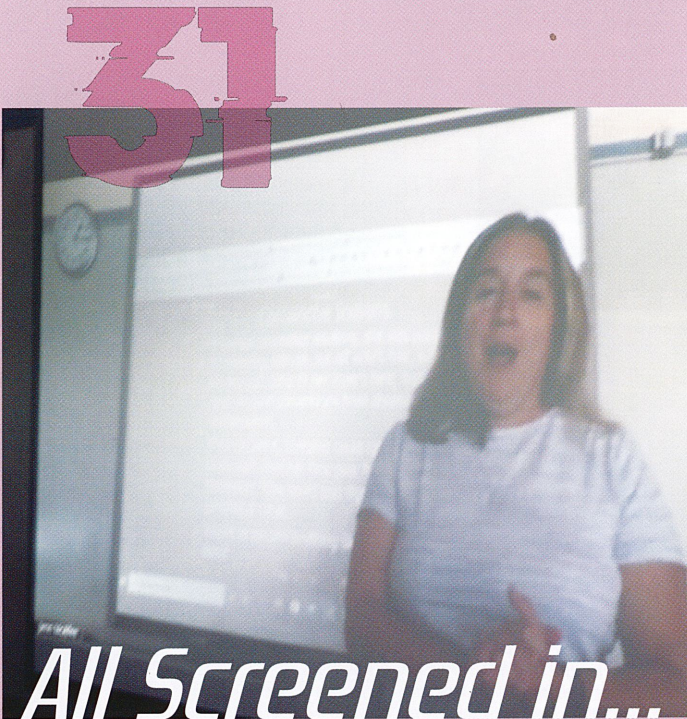
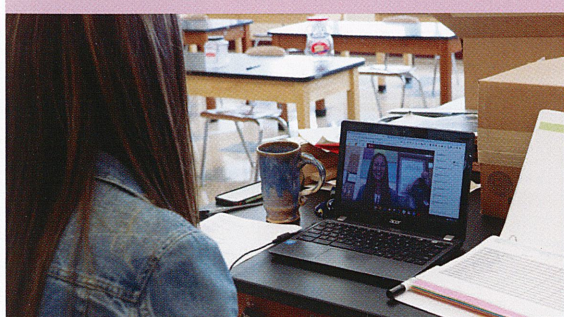


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## Been there, done that...

School started the way it ended back in June... online. While the coronavirus pandemic forced school districts into a distance learning model, teachers had the time to plan for the start of the new school year in a virtual setting. Dr. Scott announced in late May that the 2020-21 school year would start online first, followed by a hybrid model. It later came out that the online learning would last for two weeks. Teachers watched as their students logged on to their Google Meets for lessons, learning, discussions, and homework.



Photos: J. Swanson (fac)

In room 126, Mrs. Lynch (left) and Mrs. McAfee, in room 416 (above) adapt their lessons for the students learning from home.

## All Screened in...

"I was happy when they opened the malls. I like going shopping with my sisters and getting Auntie Anne's pretzels."

Mia Devito (9)

"After quarantine, I was glad the movie theaters opened back up so my friends and I could meet cute boys and throw popcorn."

Jordyn Hudek (9)

As we emerged from the shutdown, which store's reopening excited you the most?

"Gamestop's reopening made me the happiest. I missed going into the store and buying games and plushies."

Frankie King (9)

## YEAR IN REVIEW

July and August



## SMASHING DEBUT

# 5TH

Jumping into the deep end signaled an accurate description for the cross country teams' decision to scrimmage Norwin in their first dual meet of the season. The Knights traveled to the KA backfields to run the 3.1-mile course set up by Coach Tom Berzonsky in a friendly season warmup. Eliza Miller (9) wowed the socially distanced crowd of onlookers as she finished first in her first 5K run at her first high school meet by nearly two minutes. Her time of 19:24 represented the fourth fastest cross country time by a girl in KA history. With Lizeth Sesmas (11), Josie Plazio (11), and Jordan Fairman (12) taking 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively, the girls' team handled the Knights in convincing fashion 19-36.

On the boys' side, Matt Dongiovanni (12), Antonio Giordano (11), Joey George (12), and Yuner Sesmas (12) finished 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th respectively and paced the team to a 25-30 victory.



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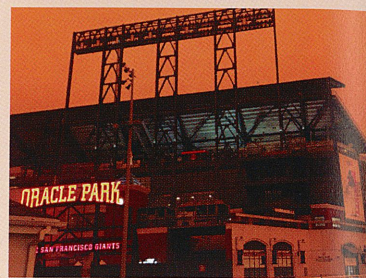
# IS THIS MARS

## or is this EARTH?

Photo: San Francisco Chronicle



Photo: NBC Sports



What many have described as a Martian sky, smoke from the raging California wildfires created an eerie feel over the San Francisco Bay Area. The Creek Fire and the North Complex Fire, coupled with Santa Ana winds blowing west from the mountains, sent the storm of color to the area. Particles in the air scattered the shorter wavelengths of blue and green, making them impossible to see. The longer wavelengths of red, orange, and yellow passed through the bottom, resulting in the orange glow to those on the ground. Even with the haunting skies, the air did not smell like smoke, and the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's played their baseball games in the unique conditions at their respective home fields.

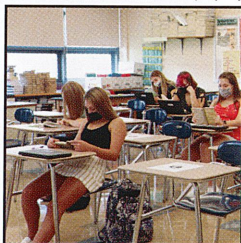
Sammy Starr (12) said, "Those skies were kind of crazy. The smoke that made its way here to western PA made it possible for me to look directly at the sun."

# the 9th

# HYBRID

## in ACTION

Photo: H. Crosby (12)



SO GOOD TO be back

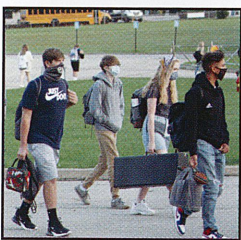


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# the show must go on!

In Western Pennsylvania, Friday night football and the sounds of the high school marching band went together just like chocolate and peanut butter. However, with attendance restrictions at the local stadiums, area marching bands felt left out of the tradition. Therefore, Mr. Pityk, Drum Major Ally Reiner (12), along with the color guard, brass, woodwind, and percussion sections performed their show *For the Heroes* for the parents and community on Richard Dilts Field. To keep the attendance threshold below 250, the band carried out the show at three different allotted times. The first show occurred at 7:30 PM with subsequent performances at 45-minute intervals to allow for the stands to clear and repopulate.

"It was cool to play in front of people again, but it was a lot doing three shows and we were tired by the end." Ryan Gould (12) said.

No Nationals. No Regionals. No States.  
No Spectators. No Recognition.

Discuss the night you performed *For the Heroes* three times for parents and family.



"I was very happy that we could perform, but I was very tired after the third show."  
Dylan Arner - tuba (11)



"I was nervous since it was our first performance in front of a crowd. But, it went better than I expected."  
Jordan Glunt - sax (11)



"I loved it. It was the first big audience we got to play for this year."  
Joe Collini - snare (12)



"It was nice to put on a performance, given the situation."  
Caitlyn Alexander - colorguard (12)

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## Minimal traffic ...

Students finally returned to school in person after a long, long layoff dating back to March 13th. Students with a surname starting with A-K attended Mondays and Tuesdays, while students with a surname starting with L-Z attended on Thursdays and Fridays. About 20% of the student population opted for a fully online school experience.

Zach Fry (12) said, "I was happy to see my friends and everyone, but it was weird seeing how sparse the classrooms, the halls, and the cafeteria were."



## Are you ready for some football?

One COVID-19 case amongst the football team unravelled the early portion of the schedule. A two-week hiatus to practice and the time needed to get back on the field caused a last-minute change to the season. The preseason scrimmage against Franklin Regional and the non-section game against West Allegheny disappeared, while the Connellsville game moved to Monday night, followed by the Penn Hills game getting moved to Saturday night, September 26th.

The game against the Connellsville Falcons turned into a memorable event as the team rallied from a late 35-17 deficit to win the game 36-35. Kenny Blake (12) and Logan Johnson (11) paced the offense throughout much of the game, but a three-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Heinle (11) with 52 seconds left capped off the scoring. On the Falcons' ensuing drive, Frankie DiNinno (12) sealed the win with an interception.

# 21ST

Monday  
Night

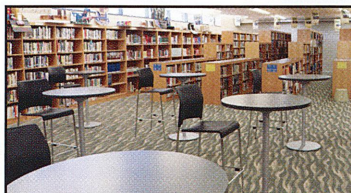
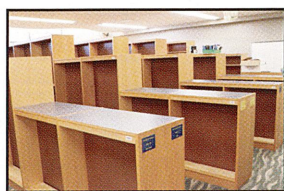
# FOOTBALL

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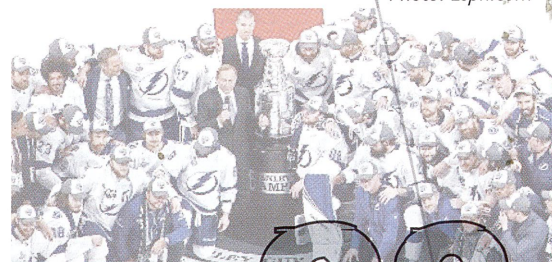
# Changes

With the school closed during the coronavirus shutdown, Mr. Swanson fast-tracked the library's nonfiction rearrangement project he envisioned numerous years ago. After weeding the library collection (over an approximately eight-year period), he freed up shelf space, which in turn, enabled the removal of some shelving units. Swanson rotated the remaining shelves 90°.

Faith Andree (11) said, "It is easier to navigate and more spacious. I really like it."

The project allowed for another open area in the library for classes, clubs, or small groups to meet.

Photo: ESPN.com



## A long season concludes...

On October 3, 2019, the Tampa Bay Lightning opened their hockey campaign with a 5-2 home win over the Florida Panthers. Nearly one year later, they completed their season by earning their second Stanley Cup in a 4-2 series win over the Dallas Stars. Enduring a bubble in Canada for nearly 80 days, separated from family and friends, the Lightning clamped down on the Stars in game 6 with a shutout performance by goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy. Brayden Coleman opened the scoring in the first period with a power play goal, and Blake Coleman provided a second period insurance goal. Vasilevskiy stopped all 22 shots he saw to seal the victory. The Conn Smythe Trophy (playoff MVP) went to defenseman Victor Hedman.

"I would not like it. I would never do it. I'm not sitting in a bubble because I'm not allergic to air. I'll be fine."

Haley Phillips (10)

As a professional athlete, how would you feel, separated from family and friends for two to three months to go into a bubble to finish your season?

# FOUR FOR

# SATURDAY 26TH

You win some, you tie some...

The boys' and girls' soccer teams invited the Indiana Area High School Indians to Dilts Field for a quadruple-header. The varsity boys started the day at 10:00 AM with a 4-4 tie against their foes. After falling behind 3-1, goals by Anders Bordoy (10) and Matt Brink (12) vaulted the team to a 4-3 lead. An accidental handball in the goalie box enabled Indiana to convert a penalty kick, making it a 4-4 affair. After a brief overtime period, the game ended in a tie. The junior varsity boys followed with a tie game of their own, 1-1. The afternoon portion saw the junior varsity girls dominate Indiana with a 6-0 victory. The final goal came on an own goal header into the net.

Finally, the varsity girls' game started at 3:30 PM. Kaylee Elwood (12) started the scoring with a penalty kick goal in the 11th minute. Riley Koziatsek (10) followed with her second goal of the year. The home team built a 3-0 lead in the second half before Indiana got on the board with a goal. The game ended with a 3-1 victory for the home team.



Photos: J. Swanson (fac)

"I think it would be a cool experience, something new that has never been a part of the league. If I didn't like it, it would only be for 2-3 months anyways. Also, if it kept the virus away from the league so we could still play, I'm all for it."

Ethan Smith (12)

"I would do anything to play the sport I love. And, there is no doubt that my family would support that."

Abigail Reynolds (9)

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# OCTOBER

## YBK @ NWCTC



Photo: H. Crosby (12)



Photo: H. Crosby (12)

### Vo-Tech chronicled...

Of the four schools that send students to the Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (NWCTC), Kiski Area sends, by far, the most. The activities students engage in there certainly shape futures. Members of the *Campus* staff, represented by photographers, reporters, and the literary staff took a pair of

afternoons to capture students' work at NWCTC. Tori Hogan (12) felt compelled to go both days to talk to Vo-Tech students about their chosen program.

"I'm not afraid to approach anyone to get the story behind the pictures that we took those days," Hogan said. The staff made a pit stop at the local Dairy Queen on the way back to the high school.

## LUNCH & LEARN *returneth*

### SWEET Freedom...

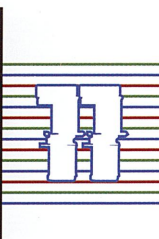
In prior years, students had to wait a week or so at the beginning of the school year to enjoy the benefits of Lunch and Learn. Due to social distancing and the pandemic, Dr. Roland and Mr. Smith needed extra time to button down the specifics of the expectations of the program. The A-K students received instruction about it on Monday, October 5th with a first real Lunch and Learn on Tuesday. The L-Z students received the same instruction on Thursday, October 8th and enjoyed their first taste of it on Friday.

"Last year, my friends and I would eat in the atrium, but that was not an option. Otherwise, I didn't notice a big difference from before," Lindsey Zera (11) said.



Photos: J. Swanson (fac)





Similar to the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association (NBA) took a three month hiatus before resuming their season and starting their playoffs. An eight game schedule finished the regular season in early August, which preceded the championship start. All of the games occurred at Disney World in Orlando, FL. After living in a bubble

Lebron James won his fourth championship for a third team and earned the Finals MVP award. The championship followed the tragic death of Laker and NBA legend Kobe Bryant in a helicopter crash in January.



The 16th Annual *Big "K" Car Cruise* moved to the spacious location afforded them at the Allegheny Plaza parking lot. With over 100 cars and 250 attendees, the car cruise served as one of the biggest fundraisers for the marching band. The boosters awarded prizes in 19 different categories.

With a YouTube audience numbering in the hundreds, Eddie Fuhrer (12) realized his dream of offering live color commentary for a sporting event. He had procured announcing duties for soccer, baseball, and other sporting events. Still, only the in-house crowd heard his voice on the mic. Paired with Mr. Mark Flemm, who did the play-by-play, Fuhrer added insight, statistics, and a point of view that enriched the broadcast to a level much higher than anticipated for these rookies.

Those that viewed the Homecoming Game against Shaler learned of Fuhrer's passion for sports and anecdotes.

Fuhrer said, "The preparation throughout the course of the week was a lot of work, but I was glad to see it pay off. I had a lot of fun, and it was great to be up there, especially seeing the team go out there and beat Shaler by as much as they did. It was a bit surreal at times when we saw that hundreds of people were tuning in at once, but I definitely enjoyed the experience."



Photos: *J. Swanson* (fac)

**Dodgers**  
join Lakers, help make  
**LOS ANGELES CITY OF CHAMPIONS**

The 32-year championship drought for the Los Angeles Dodgers ended as they defeated the Tampa Bay Rays four games to two in the World Series. The Dodgers' shaky bullpen, which appeared as their only weakness, pitched 7 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings of shutout baseball in Game 6 won by the Dodgers 3-1. Having the best record in baseball in the 60-game season, winning the National League West for seven straight seasons, and perennially owning one of baseball's highest payrolls, anything short of a championship would have disappointed. The World Series MVP Award went to shortstop Corey Seager due to his .400 average, two home runs, five RBIs, and collecting the game-winning RBI in Game 6.



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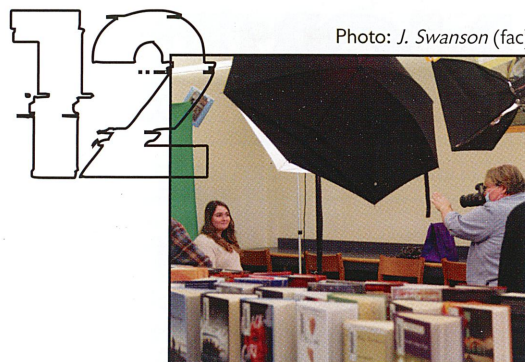


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

Normally a two-day affair, underclassmen picture days turned into a four-day event due to the hybrid schedule. With only a physical student presence in English classes once per week, Hourglass Photo adapted their schedule to accommodate all of the students. Online students received encouragement to stop in at their convenience to the library to get their picture taken. Many students opted for the make-up and retake sessions the following week in October and in mid-November, respectively.

"I personally don't like the Lakers because they 'bought' an all-star team to win the NBA Finals. The Miami Heat had half of their team injured and were not even close to the talent level of the Lakers, but they still put up a good fight."

Mason Caldwell  
(9)



"Seventeen rings for the Lakers is an amazing accomplishment. For LeBron James, it just added to his great career. People need to give him respect."

Damien Schuffert  
(10)



Photo: *Wall Street Journal*

After the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on September 18, President Donald Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett to fill her seat. The nomination angered many Democrats since this occurred so close to Election Day. However, the Republicans completed the confirmation hearings and confirmed Justice Barrett. Associate Justice Clarence Thomas swore her in thereafter. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the judicial oath Tuesday morning, which enabled Justice Amy Coney Barrett to immediately participate in Supreme Court cases.

“Lebron has solidified himself as the greatest of all time. Micheal Jordan was great, but what Lebron James has done with many different teammates over the course of almost two decades is incomparable.”

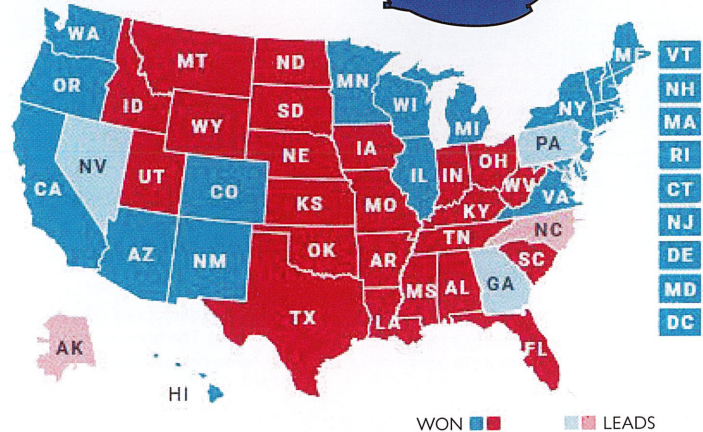
Thomas Paes (10)

What did you think about the L.A. Lakers winning their 17th NBA Championship?



## Undecided outcome...

After months and months of mud-slinging, name-calling, lawsuit threatening, and claims of voter suppression and voter fraud, Election Day commenced with high voter turnout. The Central Administration Building, attached to the high school, received a high volume of voters, similar to what most precincts in western Pennsylvania and the rest of the nation experienced. For those that stayed up late to see if President Donald Trump would earn a second term or if former Vice President Joe Biden would unseat the incumbent, no resolution occurred. Initially, key battleground states such as Wisconsin and Michigan did not officially claim a winner, but they eventually awarded their electoral votes to Joe Biden. Other states to hold up victory for either candidate included Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.



### Swing states as reported by *The Associated Press*

|                                    |              |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Georgia</b>                     | <b>49.4%</b> | <b>49.4%</b> |
| 16 electoral votes - 99% reporting | 2,449,590    | 2,448,492    |
| <b>Nevada</b>                      | <b>49.4%</b> | <b>48.5%</b> |
| 6 electoral votes - 84% reporting  | 604,251      | 592,813      |
| <b>North Carolina</b>              | <b>48.7%</b> | <b>50.1%</b> |
| 15 electoral votes - 94% reporting | 2,655,383    | 2,732,084    |
| <b>Pennsylvania</b>                | <b>49.5%</b> | <b>49.4%</b> |
| 20 electoral votes - 98% reporting | 3,297,614    | 3,290,788    |

## First fire drill of year

The shrieking sounds of "Wah Wah Wah... this is just a fire drill" filled the halls as students progressed to their CAV room locations in the front bus parking lot. Meeting the once-a-month requirement and taking advantage of some above average November weather, Dr. Roland and Mr. Smith felt this would make for an ideal

time to do the fire drill.

"I had to find Mrs. Schaeffer's CAV room spot in the parking lot. It has been awhile since I last had to do that," Rebecca Smith (12) said.

"All students made it out of the building and then back in successfully," Officer Hollis said.



Photos: J. Swanson (fac)



## And the winner is...

The Associated Press announced that Joe Biden won Pennsylvania and claimed all 20 of its electoral votes. This put him over the 270 electoral vote threshold to claim victory over incumbent President Donald Trump.

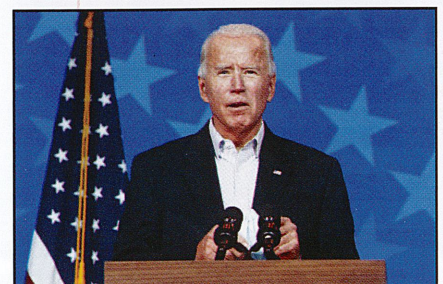


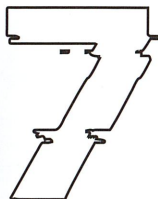




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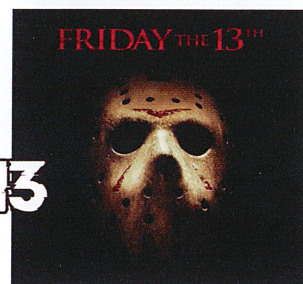
## Great Debut at States...

Eliza Miller (9) traveled to Hershey, PA to compete in the PIAA 3A Cross Country Championships. Lizeth Sesmas (11) and Jordan Fairman (12) accompanied Miller to offer support and encouragement. After a fifth place finish at the WPIAL Championships and school record-setting time of 18:48, Miller capped off her inaugural high school cross country campaign with a 30th place finish out of the top 104 runners in the state. Miller said, "The trip was amazing. I haven't had that much fun since the whole quarantine started. The race was a little warmer than what I am used to running right now, and the course was probably the hardest one this season. But, overall, the race was great, and I had fun competing against awesome girls. When I finished the race, I ended up 30th overall—I was pretty excited to know I was 30th in the state. It really was amazing just to make it to that level and compete against the top girls."



## Shut 'er down...

"What is it with our school shutting down on Friday the 13ths?" became the million-dollar question as the high school shut down due to a spike in COVID-19 cases among students and staff. At 2:40 PM, Dr. Roland announced to the students and staff in the building that the high school would close for a week and go to all online learning. The plan included a reopening on Monday, November 20. A similar scenario developed on Friday, March 13, when Governor Tom Wolf closed all of the schools statewide. It seemed safe to say that this will not occur on the next Friday the 13th since it will happen on August 13, 2021.



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## A Dreary night for Erie...

The Erie McDowell hockey team made a nearly two-hour trip down I-79 for a shellacking against the Cavalier hockey squad. Five different players scored the six goals as the home team won at Center Ice Arena 6-1. Puck control and timely scoring, in addition to 46 shots on goal, helped the team make it a difficult night for the visiting Trojans. After a scoreless first period, Kyle Guido (10) tallied the first of his two goals, with subsequent goals scored by Stephen Rayburg (12), Jonathan Ayres (12), Matthew Clinger (11), and Aidan Bardine (11). Goalie Evin Brice (10) had a relatively quiet night as he stopped 12 of the 13 shots against him.



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Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## Four is more...

A spike in COVID cases prompted a shutdown of the high school the prior week and postponed the start of the four-day per week hybrid schedule. However, Monday theoretically welcomed twice as many students into the building. Due to the short week and the wish for parents to try to enjoy a healthy family Thanksgiving, only about 300 students actually attended in person. Tuesday saw similar numbers, while Wednesday continued as a virtual day. School restarted on Tuesday, December 1, following the traditional day off for the first day of buck season.

"I like to hunt deer and rabbits. I use my 20 gauge, .308 rifle, and .243 rifle. I use my .243 the most."

Thaddeus Decock (11)

## Turkey day differences...

A surge in COVID-19 cases nationwide (and locally) prompted health officials to caution the public against gathering at Thanksgiving with people that do not live in the same household. Students brainstormed about things they would remember about Thanksgiving 2020.

Adalynn Jodon (9) said, "I will remember not having my whole family join in. Usually, I go to my cousins' for Thanksgiving, but, instead, I had to stay home."

Stuck in his house, Eric McCurdy (10) said, "How boring it was. I just ate and went up to my room to find something to do."

For Declan McManus (9), COVID did not provide the most lasting memory. Yams acted as his personal Kryptonite.

"I nearly imploded from all the yams. The yams have betrayed me after all these years of them being my favorite," McManus said.

Luckily, doom and gloom did not befall everyone. Regarding her Thanksgiving, Makayla Anderson (11) said, "I spent time with the people I love."

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"I really enjoy the challenge of hunting deer with my compound bow. It takes more skill and more practice to shoot the bow well versus a rifle."

Grace Geltz (10)

Discuss your hunting preferences.

"I like to hunt all kinds of deer, all kinds of turkey, and most any other animal that I am legally allowed to hunt. I like to use my .410 shotgun the most."

Zachary Powers (12)

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# DECEMBER



Photo: NBC News

## Steelers' juggling act...

In front of an exclusive national television audience slated for the late game time slot on Thanksgiving night, the Pittsburgh Steelers hoped to sweep the season series over their division rival Baltimore Ravens and cushion their lead over them to an insurmountable five games. Unfortunately, broken COVID-19 protocols and positive tests among Ravens staff and players forced the postponement of the game to Sunday afternoon. More positive tests pushed it further to a Tuesday night matchup, but a predicted snowstorm and even more positive tests postponed it one more time to Wednesday afternoon. Due to NBC's commitment to

a special event that involved the lighting of the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, a 3:40 PM kickoff in the middle of a workweek served as the odd time for the matchup. Down a number of starters, the Ravens put up a good fight and kept the game too close for comfort for too long, but the Steelers pulled out a 19-14 victory. In running their season-opening record to a franchise best 11-0, Coach Mike Tomlin said, "To be bluntly honest, I'm disappointed in our performance tonight. We did enough to win tonight, but that's all." In order to give the Steelers ample rest time between games, they played the Washington Football Team on Monday, December 7 at 5:00 PM. Their winning streak came to a halt as Washington beat the Steelers 23-17.

## Pa. clamps down again

*New restrictions impact businesses, sports through Jan. 4*

With the huge uptick in positive COVID-19 tests, Governor Wolf ordered a three-week hiatus on all K-12 sports, indoor dining in restaurants, the use of gyms and fitness centers, as well as indoor entertainment facilities such as movie theaters and bowling alleys. The closures would start at 12:01 AM on December 12 with a reopening targeted for Monday, January 4, 2021.

A boys' and girls' basketball tournament hosted by Burrell High School slated for December 11 and 12 cancelled due to the mandate. The hockey, bowling, swim, and wrestling teams also lost some scheduled events to the shutdown. As for what missed contests would get rescheduled, that remained unknown.

Headline: Tribune-Review

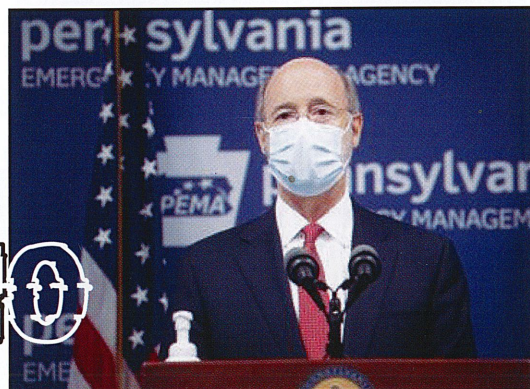


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## An end in sight...

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave its approval to the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer, Inc. This became the first approved COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States. Health care workers and nursing home residents expected to get the first available doses with more of the population to receive a vaccine as more became available. This news launched the largest vaccination campaign in U.S. history.

FDA

Pfizer

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Photos: J. Swanson (fac)

## Decade's biggest snow...

A Winter Storm Warning came to fruition. Local meteorologists predicted four to seven inches of snow, but that eventually increased into an official ten-inch snowfall at Pittsburgh International Airport. This made it the fourth snowiest December day in Pittsburgh history. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported that 10.7 inches of snow fell in Vandergrift.

With so much snow and road crews unable to clear the roads in time for school Thursday, students learned of their first snow day from home. Instead of closing school and making it up later, Thursday turned into an online-only day and students went from class to class via a Google Meet or Google Classroom.

Heidi Plazio (9) said, "I wish we were totally closed. Snow days are a classic childhood thing. If online learning continues, future kids will never truly know what a snow day is."

"I've wanted a computer all my life so I can start editing videos and making videos in general. I think it would be a cool thing to do."

Neveah Riggle (10)





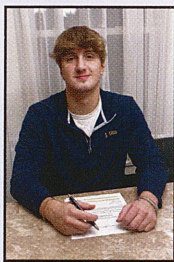
Derek Hald  
St. Vincent  
Baseball



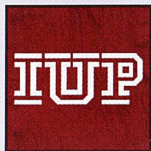
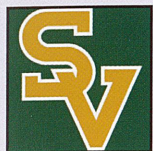
Rebekah Fowler  
Grove City  
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Emily Schrag  
IUP  
Track & Field



Jack Dilts  
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Football



## Intentional declaration...

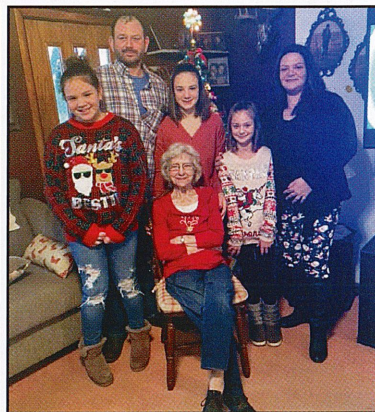
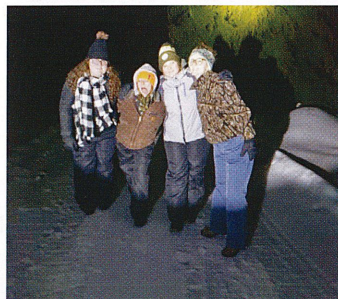
Prior to the expected snowfall, three students ventured up to the high school to sign their National Letters of Intent (NLI) to continue their athletic and academic pursuits. Derek Hald (12) committed to St. Vincent College for baseball, Rebekah Fowler (12) pledged to play volleyball at Grove City College, and Emily Schrag (12) made a run for it to Indiana University of Pennsylvania for track and field. Their respective families assembled in the LGI room for the event hosted by the athletic director, Mr. John Peterman. Jack Dilts (12) conducted his NLI signing at home as he made his commitment to Duquesne University for football.

# HOLIDAY BREAK

## DEC. 23 - JAN. 3

### Time for a break...

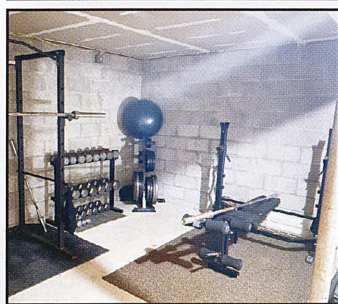
With restaurants closed, indoor entertainment facilities shuttered, large indoor gatherings highly discouraged, as well as the largest Christmas Day snow in Pittsburgh history, students discussed how they spent their time away from schoolwork.



Mackenzie Rainey (9): "I had dinner with my immediate family for Christmas, and then we went on a Zoom Meet with the rest of my family on Christmas Eve. On New Year's Day, we had dinner with my great grandma and played her favorite card game, rummy."



Angela Tucker (10): "I got to crochet, sleep in, run, play my flute, canter mass, and spend time with family."



Jackson Newell (10): "I mostly just stayed in my weight room at my house and lifted."

Seth Frye (12): "I worked pretty much every day; it was quite a busy break."

Tabytha Hogan (10): I took a trip to my cabin in the mountains with some friends and family. We went sled riding and enjoyed a Christmas party. It was like a little country Christmas.

Kaitlyn Shaw (10): "I spent my holiday away from all of my family and away from all of the people I love. This part of my life is the hardest thing I have had to go through so far."

Ayden Brown (9): "I went sled riding and then played my PlayStation 4 with my older brother."

Cayden Castleberry (10): "I existed, I inhaled oxygen, I played with my dog with his Christmas presents, I got to see my dad after three weeks along with his dog, I played some in the snow with my dog, and I drew more about a story I am making."

Sarah Musser (11): "I spent my Christmas break with all my family. We played a lot of board games and card games together. We also spent most of our time with my grandparents."

Discuss a Christmas gift you repeatedly asked for.

"An FX Combat Lightsaber from Star Wars. I wanted this item because it lit up and was durable and had loads of options."

Austin Lawhead (11)

"What I always wanted for Christmas was an electric guitar. I wanted this so much because I'm a big fan of rock/heavy music, and I want to be in a band when I'm older."

Buddy Riggle (11)

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# JANUARY

## Rejoicing the restart...

Winter sports got the green light to restart their practices to get ready for real competition on Friday, January 8. Governor Wolf allowed the three-week shutdown of school extracurricular activities to expire. While players expected a limited number of fans at the events, most welcomed the ability to get back into the sports and activities that they enjoyed.

"It felt good getting back in the gym with the rest of my team. We all missed performing and being able to do what we love."

Abigail Mortensen (10)  
Winterguard



"It was tough to jump back into the season because we had been off for so long, and we have to go right into having games. We are a little unprepared, but we are doing our best to move forward and have a great hoops season."

Mackenzie Knapp (10)  
Cheerleading

"It's pretty good and fun to be back on the courts. Excitement is the word I would use."

Terry Martin (9)  
Boys' Basketball

"Getting back was so exciting. We did Google Meet workouts as a team to stay in shape, knowing our season would pick up where we left it off."

Abigail Johns (9)  
Girls' Basketball

"We did not get a chance to start before the three-week shutdown, but we are starting to get in a couple practices here and there now that it is open again. I am really excited to get back to track."

Emily Schrag (12)  
Indoor Track

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## 9 Sad loss...

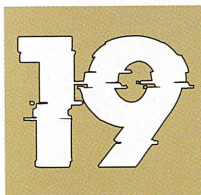
Owner of *Hourglass Photo* and longtime photographer for the district, Paige Duckworth passed away at the age of 52. She had taken underclassmen pictures since 2005 and started taking the senior portraits in 2010. Duckworth had also taken many of the athletic team and club pictures, as well as shots for the Homecoming festivities throughout the years.



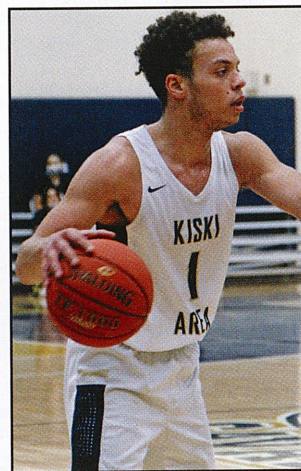
Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## Five for fighting (for wins)...

A cold Tuesday evening acted as the backdrop for a plethora of athletic events around campus. At 6:00 in Gym B, the boys' junior varsity basketball team took on the Latrobe JV team. The home team beat the Wildcats 51-48. In Gym A, the girls' varsity basketball team found themselves paired up against a very good Plum Mustangs squad and lost 58-27. Dejah Burnett (11) led the home team in scoring with 10 points. While those two basketball games happened, the boys' and girls' swim teams matched up with the Mars Fighting Planets aquanauts. The boys prevailed 81-67 while the girls came up short 92-64. The final event of the evening involved the boys' varsity basketball team playing Latrobe's varsity squad. The boys dug themselves a deep hole, but made a run in the second half, getting within four points near the end. Latrobe held off the rally and won 64-58. James Pearson (11) led all scorers with 23 points.



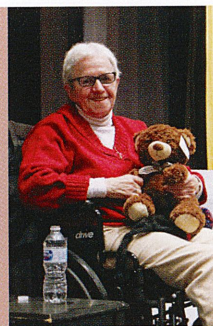
Megan Hastings (11)



James Pearson (11)



Dejah Burnett (11)



Photos: M. Artman (12)

## LOST a valuable TREASURE

A woman who left an indelible mark on many students, Ms. Shulamit Bastacky passed away after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 79. She visited the high school on January 22, 2019 and informed and engaged with a packed house in the auditorium. She told the stories about her experiences as she hid during the Holocaust and lived in an orphanage postwar until her father found her. She traveled around Europe with her family until they located her father's two brothers living in Pittsburgh when the family then moved to the United States. At the request of Ms. Bastacky, students brought in teddy bears to donate to refugee children who had lost their parents as well as domestic abuse victims.

Ms. Bastacky left the students with the following

lesson, "Reach out to those who are different from you and learn about them and respect them. It doesn't mean your beliefs have to change to the same as theirs, but, you need to respect them."



"Ms. Bastacky's visit two years ago really touched me. It was just amazing to hear about all the things she went through back then."

Victoria Hogan (12)

## Washington storm...

On the day Congress started to certify the Electoral College vote count and officially proclaim Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a mob of Donald Trump supporters stormed the Capitol and interrupted the certification. The crowd gathered as a protest to what some considered a fraudulent election victory for Mr. Biden. Protesters did get into the Capitol and both houses of Congress, while the members of Congress evacuated to their offices and other safe spaces. Hours after the melee had started, Mr. Trump posted a video on Twitter encouraging his supporters to "go home." One officer died as a result of injuries sustained while defending the Capitol and two police officers died by suicide in the following days. One protester died as a result of a gunshot and

three other protesters experienced medical emergencies and also died. No members of Congress sustained any injuries. Later in the evening, Congress reconvened and finished the certification process, paving the way for Mr. Joe Biden to take over as the 46th President of the United States.

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Photos: AP Images

## Tide Rolls...

Coach Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide reclaimed their place at the top of the college football world by crushing the Ohio State Buckeyes 52-24. Heisman Trophy-winning wide receiver Devonta Smith had 12 catches for 215 yards and three touchdowns. Alabama quarterback Mac Jones also had a banner day by completing 36 of 45 pass attempts for 464 yards and five touchdowns. This gave Nick Saban his eighth National Championship with seven titles at Alabama and one when he coached LSU in 2003. He surpassed Alabama legendary coach Bear Bryant when he won his seventh championship with the Tide.



Photo: College Football News

Photos: H. Crosby (12) and J. Swanson (fac)



## Presidential Inauguration...

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in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Kamala Devi Harris also took the oath of office to become the 48th Vice President

At 11:49 AM, Chief Justice John Roberts swore in Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. as the 46th President of the United States

of the United States. She also had the distinction of becoming the first woman to serve in that office. After the unrest at the Capitol a couple of weeks prior, 25,000 National Guard troops kept the ceremony interruption-free. Former presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama attended the inauguration, while Jimmy Carter could not travel and Donald Trump elected not to attend.

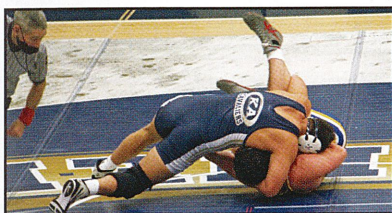


Photo: Associated Press

## Stellar start...

The wrestling team's dual season started off with a sweep. Hampton and Bethel Park traveled to take part in a quad meet, but the event turned into a three team competition as Armstrong High School's team faced COVID-19 issues. In the two matchups, the home team picked up a total of 12 pins and only gave up 26 points as they defeated Bethel Park 63-11 and followed that up with a 56-15 win over Hampton. Brayden Roscosky (12), Carter Diltz (11), and Ryan Klingensmith (10) each recorded two pins, with Klingensmith achieving one of the pins in 45 seconds.

Photo: R. Fowler (12)



Brayden Roscosky (12)

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Photo: Kristina Serafini (Tribune-Review)

## Thriller in Greensburg...

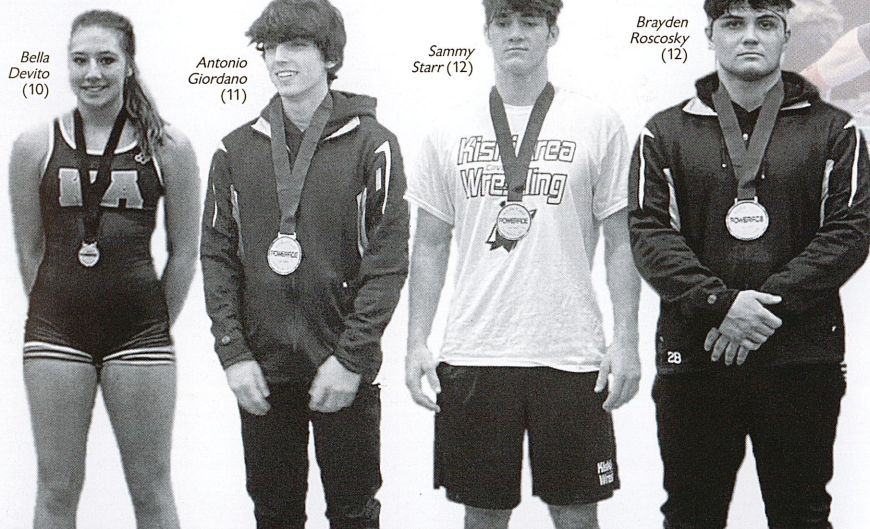
The girls' basketball team went to Greensburg Salem, a squad that had yet to play a game this season, and came out winners. The team started the match on an 0-for-9 shooting slump, trailing at one point by 11 points, but a Samantha Worthing (12) and an Abigail Johns (9) layup at the buzzer propelled the team to the dramatic finish. An 8-0 run to finish the game secured the 33-31 victory. "I just ran. I was just hoping to get it in to help my team," Johns said. "It felt so good. I just heard everyone screaming the countdown, and I just threw it up. It was so amazing. The adrenaline just kept me going."

Photo: Nate Smallwood (Tribune-Review)

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## at Powerade

Photos: @KAWrestling (Twitter)



Bella Devito (10)

Antonio Giordano (11)

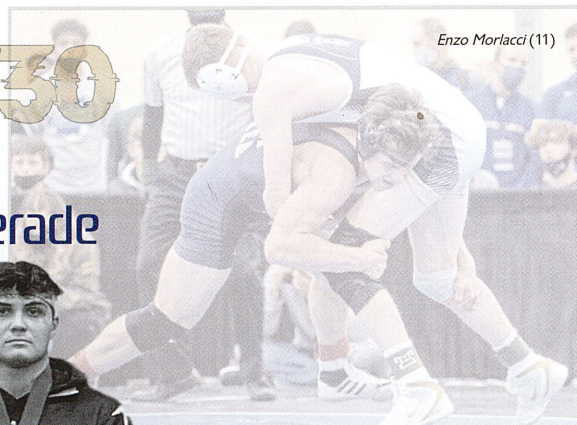
Sammy Starr (12)

Brayden Roscosky (12)



"The muscle memory took a bit to kick back in, especially when spinning my rifle. I tossed a 4 and didn't exactly catch it, and I have a HUGE bruise on my arm. It's hard to do winterguard after not rehearsing in almost a month."

Sara Shannon (9)



Enzo Morlacci (11)

"Our basketball practice was like a cross country practice because our team heeded the conditioning."

Jason Flemm (9)

With a delay of one month and a change in venue, the extremely competitive Powerade Wrestling Tournament took over the Monroeville Convention Center for the weekend and crowned the first Kiski Area Powerade Champion. With 43 schools at the event, Enzo Morlacci (11) came in unseeded at 160 pounds and walked out at the top of his weight class. Morlacci defeated Chase Kranitz (11) of Norwin in the finals by the score of 3-1. Other medalists included Antonio Giordano (11) who took eighth place at 113 pounds, Brayden Roscosky (12) who took seventh place at 189 pounds, and Sammy Starr (12) took third place at 172 pounds. In the girls' division, Bella Devito (10) placed second at 124 pounds.

"I am really excited to get back into distance running because training on my own for the past month or so has really made it hard to push myself. Being alone also resulted in my motivation going down drastically."

Ellie Hecker (9)

Discuss returning to activities after the three-week layoff.

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# FEBRUARY

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## Phil's forecast...

Without a big crowd gathered at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, the script from one of two hallowed scrolls rang out: "We have all passed through the darkness of night, but now see hope in morning's bright light. But now when I turn to see, there's a perfect shadow cast of me." And with that, six more weeks of winter became Punxsutawney Phil's 2021 prediction. The country watched via a livestream, but the usual fanfare and revelry did not take place as in previous years. In its 135-year history, Phil has predicted winter 106 times and spring 20 times, with no record for 10 of the years since no one bothered to record them.



Photo: Mercury News

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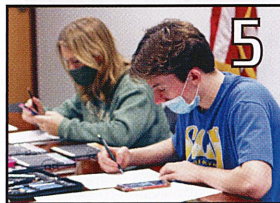
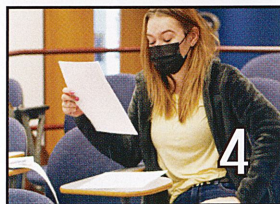
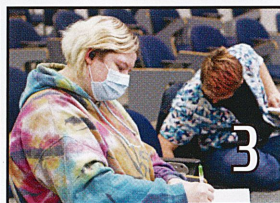
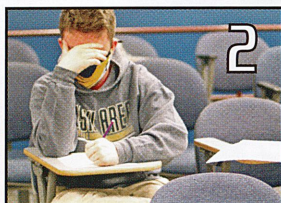
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1. Brice Hoculock (12)
2. Eddie Fuhrer (12)
3. Lidija Willis (12)
4. Carmine Mascarello (12)
5. Bailey Hamilton (12)
6. Emma Beck (11)
7. Jack Coleman (11)



## Journalism journey...

Without the ability to take the annual trip to IUP and Penn State's Main Campus for two rounds of competition in a variety of journalism areas, students had to congregate in the LGI room for the one and only round. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania School Press Association (PSPA), students completed their prompts with their entries submitted digitally for judging and scoring. Faculty member Mr. Fantaski has served as PSPA president for six years.



The following students competed in the indicated categories:

- Rachel Helsel (12) and Bailey Hamilton (12) - Yearbook Caption Writing
- Rebekah Fowler (12) and Carmine Mascarello (12) - Yearbook Story Writing
- Eddie Fuhrer (12) and Rachel Frye (10) - Yearbook Sports Story Writing
- Emma Beck (11) and Brice Hoculock (12) - Newspaper Editorial Cartoon
- Lidija Willis (12) and Kasandra Cessna (12) - Literary Magazine Poetry
- Jack Coleman (11) - Literary Magazine Artwork
- Lacey Mamros (12) - Yearbook Photography
- Larissa Dubac (12) - Newspaper Photography

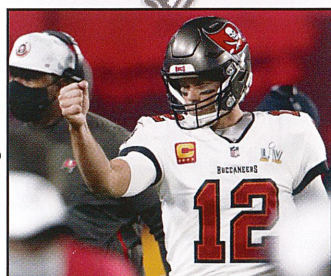


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# NUMBER 7 for TB 12

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers knew they needed to contain Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, and contain him they did. Zero touchdown passes, two interceptions, a quarterback rating of 52.3 (the lowest of Mahomes career), and 29 pressures (the most for a quarterback in Super Bowl history) enabled Tampa to earn their second Super Bowl victory with a 31-9 thumping of the Chiefs. Quarterback Tom Brady, in his first year with the Bucs, took home the Most Valuable Player Award with three touchdown passes, 21 of 29 passing for 201 yards, and a quarterback rating of 125. The win gave Brady his seventh Super Bowl Championship.

## change.org

# THE 19TH

With a number of students not engaging in their studies, the administration announced a new attendance policy where students must attend live Google Meets on the days they learned from home. Many students balked at the change, and someone started a petition on Change.org. Under the heading "Not make it a requirement to join meets starting March 1st," students expressed their dissatisfaction with the change. One repeated complaint involved those students that maintained high grades without attending the live Meets. However, clarification later came that students earning a 75% or higher in a class may continue with their learning as before. This new policy targeted those students with grades below 75%. Approximately 800 students had signed the petition during the first week of its posting.

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## Showtime...

Since a packed auditorium would incur the wrath of health officials, the cast and crew of the spring musical offered a "Cavaret" twist to the traditional format. With various numbers, songs, and dance pieces performed for the camera, students displayed their talents so that they could still engage in a musical activity. Rehearsals began in January and continued through February. Solo singers recorded their numbers on the 20th, with dancers following on the 26th, and whole cast group numbers on the 27th. While not the most ideal situation, students appreciated the opportunity to finally perform.





The Academic Quiz Team competed at the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit Quiz Bowl Championships and took home the crown. Declan McManus (9), Mike Carrarini (11), Eddie Fuhrer (12), and Lindsay Bush (9) stormed their way to a final round showdown with

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Franklin Regional. The team had a formidable foe in the Panthers' squad but showed them who reigned supreme in Westmoreland County by winning 95-90. The group secured a berth in the state championship meet on April 30. With regards to winning states, McManus said, "That's the plan."

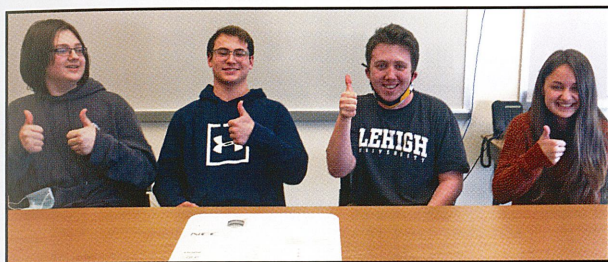


Photo: Christopher Horner (Tribune-Review)

### Starr quality...

At the Giant Center in Hershey, Sammy Starr (12) started off his quest for an individual state championship at the 172-pound weight class with a pin in 35 seconds. Unfortunately, in the semifinal round, he came up short against Trey Kibe (12) of Mifflin County High School losing 4-2. In his

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bout for fifth place, Starr built a 10-0 lead on Regan Loughney (12) of LaSalle College High School, pinning him at the 4:33 mark of the match. The pin capped off a stellar high school wrestling career for Starr.

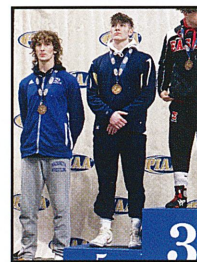


Photo: M. Kiebler (fac)

At the WPIAL Class AAA Swimming Championships, three students set new school records.

- Parker Sterlitz (10) bested the school-record time by swimming the 500 freestyle at a 4:40.70 clip.
- Levi Hansen (10) also beat his school record in the 500 freestyle but finished one-half of a second behind Sterlitz. So to get his own record, Hansen's 200 freestyle time of 1:43.57 became the school's new benchmark.
- Jack Coleman (11) joined the record-setting group by swimming a 1:58.03 in the 200 Individual Medley.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, neither Sterlitz, Hansen, nor Coleman qualified for states, but their placements would have qualified them in previous years.

Photos: C. Mydock (12)



1. Jackson Bielek (11), Landon Newell (11), Mason Caldwell (9)
2. Bekah Fowler (12)
3. Brynn Bires (10)
4. Lexi Caldwell (12)
5. Heidi Plazio (9), Garrett Seymour (9), Rosa Heath (12)
6. Lauren Paullet (12)
7. Ryan Felt (staff)
8. Autumn Ashbaugh (12)

Hundreds of musical fans flocked to YouTube to watch *The Kiski Cavaret*. While the cast performed their numbers a month ago, they got to see their performances via the Internet

with friends and family.

"Recording the show before was neat in that I got to watch it with my family and enjoy the show with them," Valerie McMullen (12) said.

"When spring arrives, I look forward to the camping season and the fishing season."

Colton Corbin (9)

"My favorite thing when spring arrives is hearing all the birds return."

Maya Volpe (12)

"After the long, dark, and cold winter, I look forward to spring for its warmth and its sunny days."

Liam Patton (10)

What do you look forward to when spring arrives?

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# STUDENT

## Right on target...

Katelyn Byers (12) focuses her eye on the center of her target as she draws back her bow. "It's always hard being the only girl at the archery range especially because I shoot a traditional recurve bow without a sight," Byers said. Looking up to her uncle and cousins who shot bow and arrow, she started archery at 10-years old at the Chieftain Archery Club. She later got her own archery target built in her backyard.

## BREAKING NEW GROUND

### Life during a pandemic:

### quarantine activities

Ainsley Lattimore (9) spun her rifle and went outside for walks.

Eliza Miller (9) ran, biked, and jumped on her trampoline.

Colin Wilson (12) worked two jobs.

Lexus Hale (12) worked five days a week at Dairy Queen.

Zane Bell (11) slept, drove, and slept some more.

Trinity Seibel (9) built a shed and played with her new dog.

Bennet Zukas (9) printed face shields for hospitals, learned CADD, and read.

Fred Ridener (9) spent the time exercising.

Gavin Koehnlein (9) practiced (for racing).

Olivia Croney (11) sewed, painted, and played Animal Crossing.

Heather Schmidt (10) created new stuff, hung out with her family, and helped her nieces and nephews with their school assignments while their parents worked.

Jonathan Hoover (9) worked on cars, did chores, and played video games.

Seth Frye (12) worked on his grandparents' dairy farm.

Deshaun McBryde (10) played video games, FaceTimed with friends, and hung out with his sisters.

Keira Beach (10) listened to music, annoyed her sibling, and stayed up all night.





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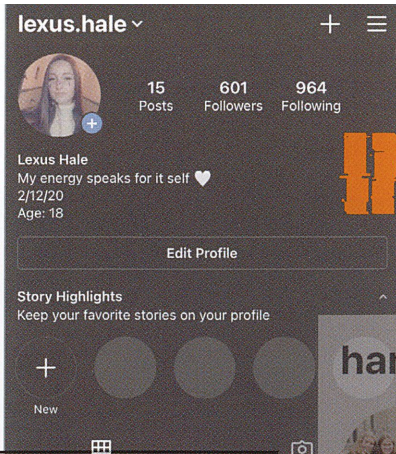
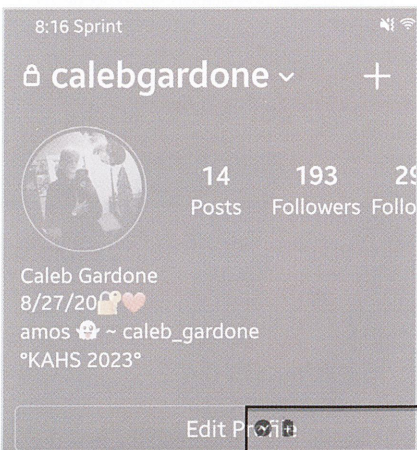
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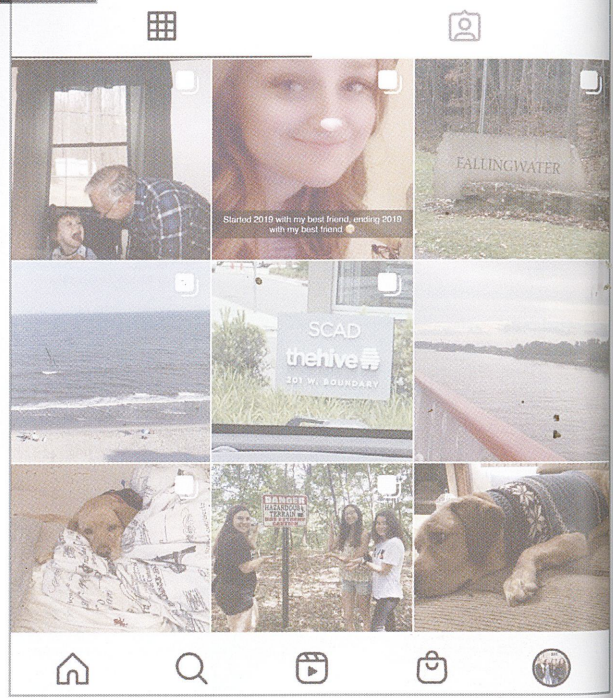
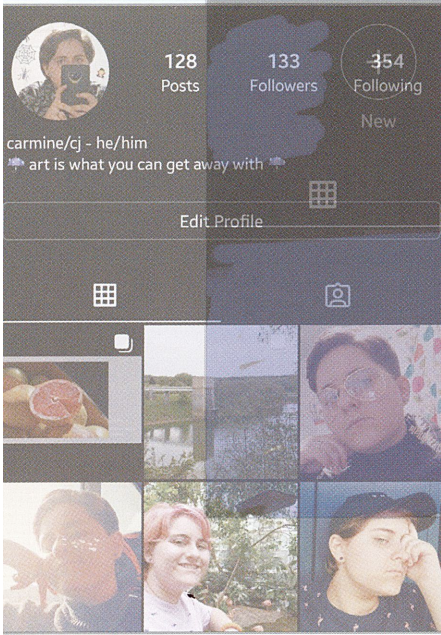
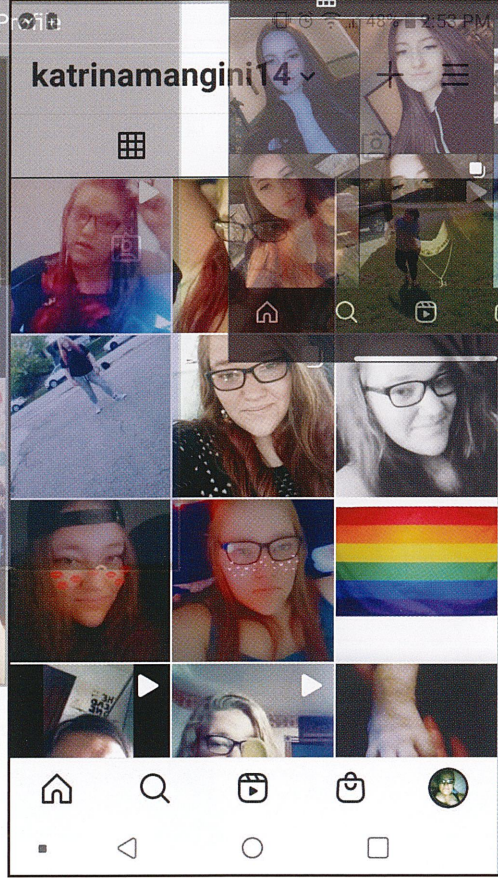
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# INSTAGRAM identities



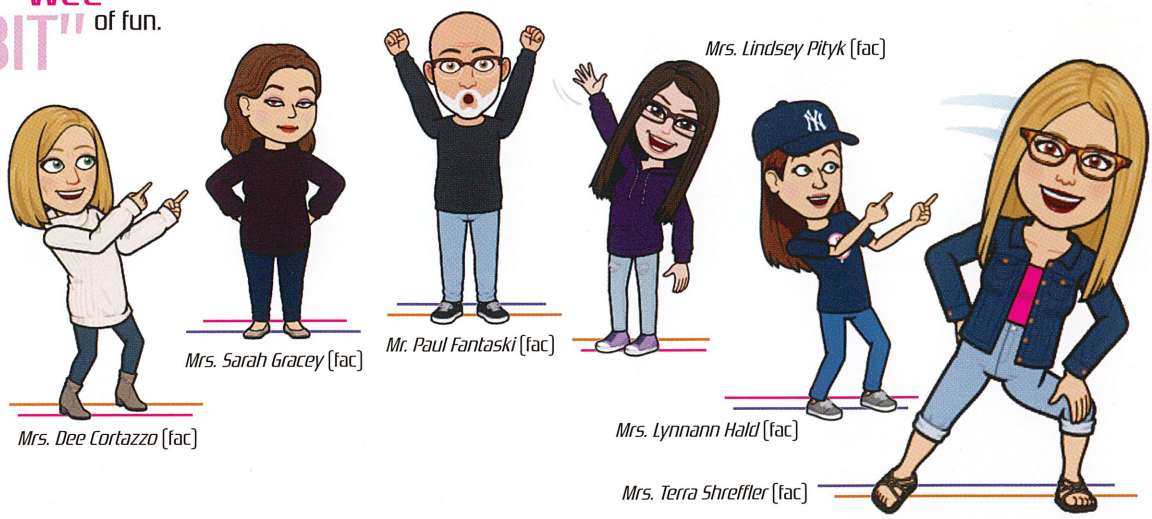
## Social outlet...

It all started in 2003 with the creation of the social media platform MySpace. When parents and other adults discovered ways to use social media, students had to navigate to other social media platforms. Facebook became uncool and Twitter's popularity among the youth waned. This led to Instagram's rise in popularity. Students expressed a portion of their personalities by sharing their Instagram homepage.

**A** wee "BIT" of fun. Enjoy some teachers who "mojied."

## grounded quote

"I don't use Snapchat, Instagram, etc. Only a bit of texting with a few friends."  
Paul Roberts (9)





# WATCHING ONE'S WORDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## Students weigh in on *Cancel Culture*

*Cancel Culture*, defined as a form of ostracization online, became a household phrase, yet most students knew it more for its infamy.

"To say it is appalling would be a mercy. It is probably one of the most vexing phenomena to happen. It is a blight on humanity," Thaddeus Decock (11) said.

On Twitter and other platforms, users faced cancellation for a variety of

reasons. These ranged from severe offenses such as hate speech, but even very minor infractions such as an error in phrasing. However, the reasons for getting cancelled did not cause controversy, the aftermath did.

"*Cancel Culture* is way overused and unnecessary. I get that some people say things that aren't right, but it's become an extreme and it's starting to hinder freedom of speech," Alyssa Seibel (9) said.

Social media strived as a main outlet for people's expression. Whether opinions on sports, politics, or television

shows, users did not fear sharing their points of view. Most people agreed that learning different viewpoints benefited society, but this method of keeping those opinions in check reached an extreme that upset many.

"I do not think *Cancel Culture* is necessary. I think it is just as negative as those it is canceling, and I believe it is a violation of the First Amendment," Cole Ganter (11) said.

Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, and Facebook did not become new entities in 2020, but the aura surrounding *Cancel Culture* that infected them definitely broke the Internet.

## LONG SNAPCHAT STREAKS

Length of your longest streak...

**181** Caleb Gardone (10) & Lauren Pullet (12)

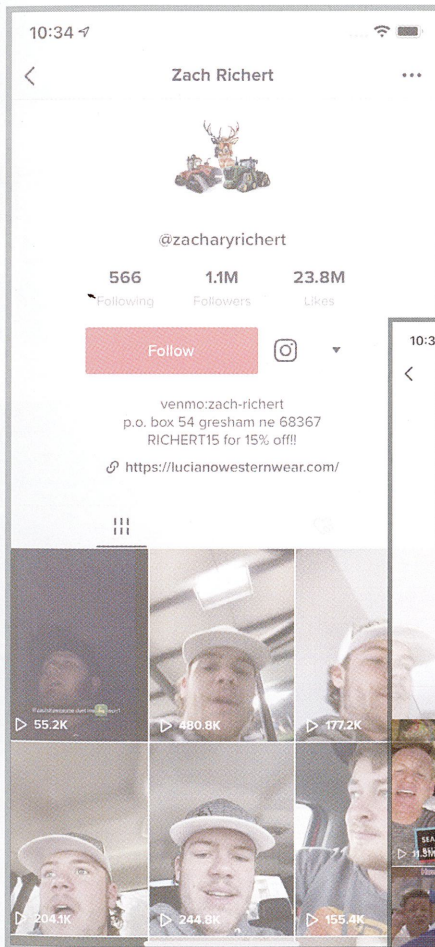
**454** Neo Alberti (12) & Brooke Endress (12)

**791** Maria Poydence (11) & Maggie Pulice (11)

**1149** Marissa Baker (12) & Paige Faulk (12)

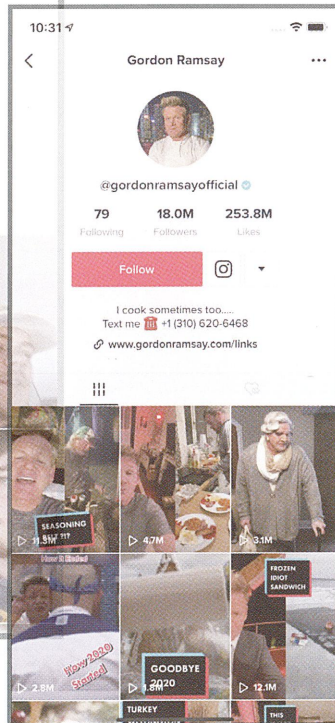
**490** Lily Facemyer (12) & Brandon Stine (2020 grad)

**349** Sara Shannon (9) & Taygen Hill (9)

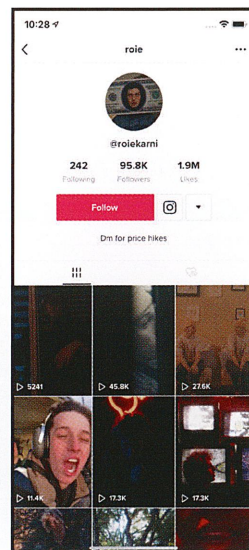


"Zachary Richert's @zacharyrichert."  
Alyssa Seibel (9)

"Gordon Ramsey's @gordonramseyofficial."  
Katrina Mangini (11)

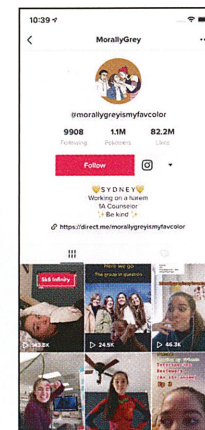


"@roiekarni. He's my favorite TikTokker because he makes literal movies."  
Izzy Nolf (12)



## Which TikToks can't you scroll past without watching?

"@morallygreyismyfavcolor or @nicquemarina."  
Phoebe Richard (9)



"James Charles inspires my sister and me to do makeup, but he also shows you you're perfect just as you are, with or without makeup."

Megan Abell-Swarmer (11)

What YouTube videos distract you from going to sleep at night?

"Any kind of art videos keep me up at night. I also like watching quad races, as well."

Kara Fouse (9)

"North Carolina School of the Arts' *Oklahoma!* Restoration."

Lauren Michaels (11)

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# Gotta catch'em ALL

## grounded quotes

"I like being in the outdoors and not having to worry about anything else but hunting."

*Brayden Lynch (10)*

"I love sitting out in the woods up in a tree stand watching nature at its best."

*Emersyn Lynch (9)*

### Pokemon come, Pokemon Go...

As Peyton Martin (9) has Eevee in her sights, she attempts to capture her targeted Pokemon. Martin said, "My Uncle Frankie got me into it a couple of years ago. I like it, but I am not as obsessed with it as he is." Martin indicated that her uncle made her send him gifts like Pokeballs that she obtained from PokeStops.

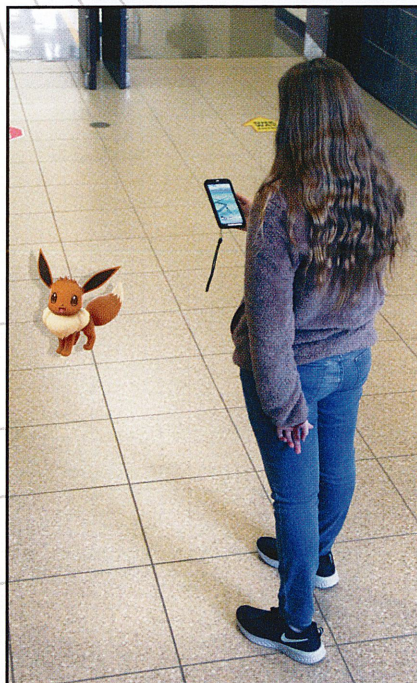


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Artful archery...

While taking aim on the land behind his house, Evan Hileman (12) gets ready to shoot with his Mathews bow and arrow. "I love to hunt using a bow and arrow more than a rifle. I did shoot a deer a couple of years ago with my bow," Hileman said.

He started hunting at the age of 13 when his dad and grandpap enlightened him to the thrills of hunting.

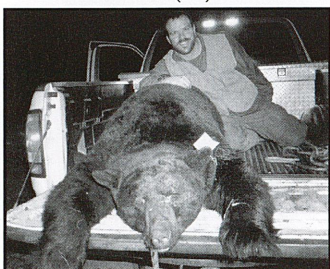


Submitted: E. Hileman (12)

## QUARTER OF A Ton Trophy

While hunting in Burrell Township, Indiana County, Mr. Joe Culler (fac) shows off his 522-pound capture. Culler said, "I spotted this bear in the area two years prior, but I had been hunting bears in other parts of the state. My friends got a 400-pound bear in the same area a few years before I got this one." Culler shot the bear from 25 yards away using his father's old Marlin .30-30 rifle.

Submitted: J. Culler (fac)



### Turkey's bad day..

As Nicholas Kemerer (9) hunts near Export, he displays his 25-pound turkey. Kemerer said, "I'll hunt anything. I love being out in the woods."

Kemerer regularly hunted using his 12 gauge shotgun and .243 rifle.



Submitted: N. Kemerer (9)

"I have a Remington for bear, fox, turkey, deer, rabbit, and coyotes. I use a .30-6 for deer, elk, and bear, a .223 for coyote, and a 12 gauge for rabbit and migratory birds. My .30-6 is my favorite because it used to be what my pap hunted with when he was young."

*Tyler King (9)*



### Eye on the prize...

While target shooting on his Allegheny Township property, Caleb Bowser (10) hopes to perfect shooting his muzzleloader. Bowser said, "I like to hunt deer, turkey, and squirrel." Bowser hunted with a rifle, shotgun, and a bow and arrow but preferred to use his flintlock.

Submitted: C. Bowser (10)



# TYOUR SIGHTS ON TARGET

Story: A. Reiner (12)

## Hunting remains popular among students

According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, approximately 550,000 adults registered for hunting licenses in 2019. The number of hunters has remained consistent since then as well as the number of deer in Pennsylvania.

Of those 550,000 hunters, quite a few students made the trek into the woods to wait patiently for a deer.

"I like deer hunting because it is calm and quiet. While not seeing anything may be boring, getting a deer is beyond exciting," Sawyer Callaghan-Zanotti (10) said. For many other students, getting out into the woods allowed

them to escape from the daily stress of school, work, or other responsibilities.

Besides deer hunting, students went out to look for rabbits, doves, squirrels, pheasants, bears, and bobcats.

"I enjoy hunting rabbits because I have beagles that run the rabbits," Collin Martin (11) said.

By general consensus, most preferred a winter hunt with fall following closely behind. Summer and spring fell far behind as their seasons didn't offer the same gaming opportunities.

## FRESHMEN DEERSLAYERS



"I use a lot of different weapons, but my .223 rifle is my favorite. I like to hunt bear, fox, turkey, deer, rabbit, and coyotes."

Makayla Anderson (11)

"I like to go hunting for deer, squirrel, and turkey— primarily with my rifle."

Abigail King (9)

1 While having a successful first year of hunting, Colton Corbin (9) shows off his second deer of his first year of hunting. Corbin said, "I shot this deer on a friend's property. The shot was a heart shot." Corbin liked using his .25-06 Remington bolt action rifle the most.

2 AS Jace Hoe (9) scores a buck on a farm in Rural Valley, he takes a moment to show off his kill. Hoe said, "This was not my first deer, but it is among one of the biggest." Hoe began hunting at the age of seven.

3 During Merlin Libent's (9) hunt on the family property in Parks Township, he estimates his doe at about 180 pounds. Libent said, "I really like to hunt using my rifle." He preferred hunting deer, but also hunted pheasant, squirrel, and turkey.

Discuss your hunting preferences.



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### Nope doubt about it...

During the summer months, Declan McManus (9) displays his choice for president. McManus said, "Joe Biden is simply not a crazy, egotistical, narcissistic dictator. He is a man of good stock and cares about the American people." McManus expected good things to happen from a Biden presidency.

Submitted: G. Seymour (9)



### Schrute for president...

While bucking the trend of supporting either candidate, Garrett Seymour (9) expresses his preference for Dwight Schrute from *The Office*. Seymour said, "Dwight Schrute is our best hope at restoring American values. Seymour later admitted that Jim Halpert would also make a great president, but felt that Michael Scott did not have the best leadership skills.

### Thumbs Up...

With a sticker on her forehead, Hanna Zidek (12) shows that she believes in doing her civic duty. When told no one else submitted a voting sticker photo, Zidek said, "Really? I was very happy to show everyone that I got out there and voted." This marked Zidek's first hands-on foray into the election process.

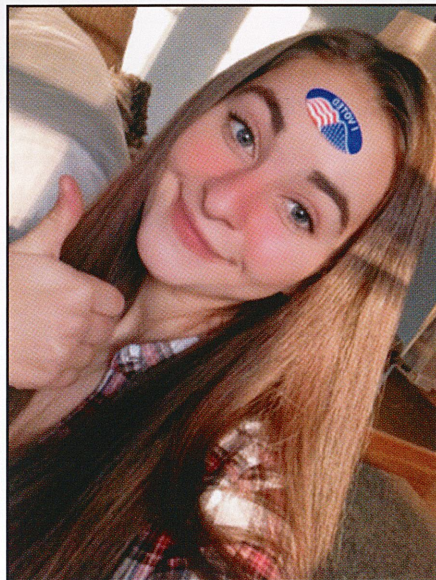
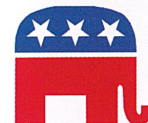


Photo: H. Zidek (12)

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## STUDENTS AND STAFF VOTE...



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votes for Donald Trump  
Republican Party



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votes for Jo Jorgensen  
Libertarian Party

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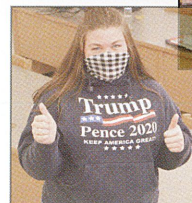
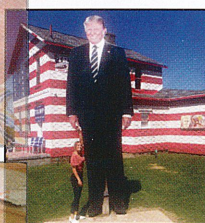
votes for Joe Biden  
Democratic Party





# TRUMP SUPPORTERS

In a Google Form sent out to the student body for pictures of themselves donning their presidential preferences, Donald Trump supporters displayed no shyness. From the Trump store near Latrobe, many students obtained and wore the gear of their Election Day hopeful. The fervor with which Trump-supporters flew their Trump flags (and results of the survey) made many wonder, "Where were the Biden supporters?"



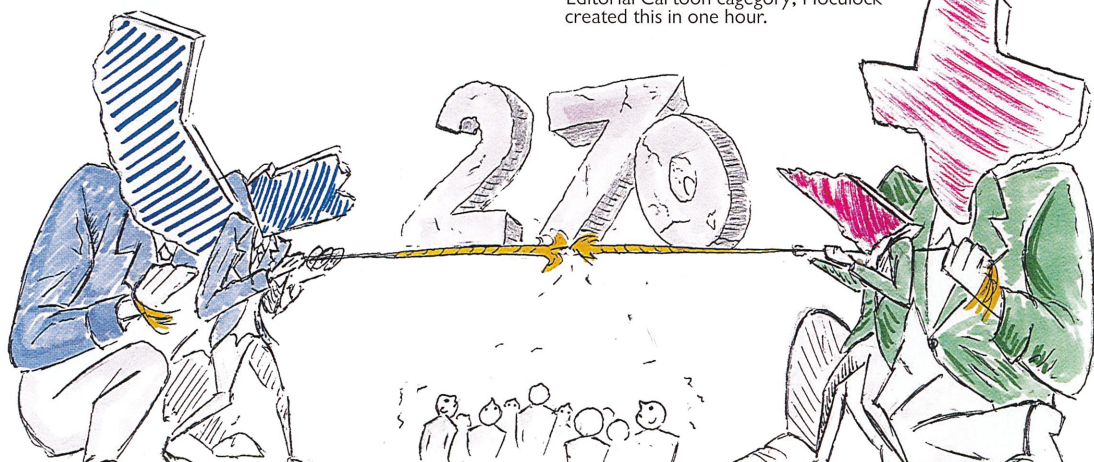
- 1) Michael Bucci (9)
- 2) Alyssa Fry (12)
- 3) Lucas Harold (11)
- 5) Alyssa Pert (12)
- 6) Aubrey Large (12)
- 4) Tabytha Hogan (10) and Victoria Hogan (12)

## Electoral College Decides

**306** votes **232** votes

### About to crush the people...

On Thursday, January 27, Brice Hoculock (12) and 12 other journalism students competed in the Pennsylvania School Press Association's Student Journalism Contests. With a prompt involving the Electoral College in the Editorial Cartoon category, Hoculock created this in one hour.



# MAN BEHIND THE SLOGAN

Story: E. Fuhrer (12)

## Students value candidate's character choosing president

Following a chaotic series of debates and a unique campaign which saw both presidential candidates make more active engagement on social media than ever before, students had an instant connection to the immediate actions that gave people a better idea of the character of both major presidential candidates. When students made their decisions on which candidate to support, it often did not just constitute a decision based on a

candidate's given policies, but rather a measure of their personalities and personal characteristics beyond what exactly they believe in implementing politically upon taking the oath of office.

"I chose Biden because we need a change in America," Savannah Renwick (10) said. "Biden told less lies in his campaign than Trump did."

Some students looked at character as something that exceeded politics when it

came to deciding a candidate to back in the election. However, while some students saw the candidate's character as the main thing that influenced their decisions, others looked at it as something that supplemented the student's thoughts on the candidate's political beliefs.

"I don't agree with everything that Trump does," Anthony Delia (12) said. "But, I believe that he is the best choice for the economy."

"I chose President Donald Trump because he is keeping America great and actually knows what he's doing. I am Caleb Gardone and I approve this message."

Caleb Gardone (10)

Who gets your vote?

"Joe Biden... because I would rather not have a president that thinks bringing back the NFL during a pandemic is an achievement."

Gianna Kraus (10)

"I support Jo Jorgensen. She is the only one of the candidates that hasn't lost their mind."

Jordyn Weaver (10)

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Submitted: V. Crystaloski (9)

### I am the boss...

While Victoria Crystaloski (9) attempts to log in to her Geometry class, her bearded dragon Rafael decides to take over her Chromebook. Crystaloski said, "Raff has a sassy personality and hates it when I type. He is definitely a distraction during the school day." She has owned Raff since May and recently celebrated his first birthday.

## PUP pals

Describe your pup.



"Reba is 14-weeks old, and we've had her for six weeks."

Maxine Crosby (10)



"Our dog's name is Eleven. We watched a great show called *Stranger Things* and named her after the girl with powers."

Noah Fitch (12)



"This is Bucky. He is about three-years old, and we have had him since July 18, 2020. He is a very happy dog and loves to play keep away with his squeaky ball."

Hayley Kerfoot (12)



"This is Mila. We got her on October 2, 2020, and she is a cane corso. She is currently 10-weeks old."

Mateya Maldonado (10)



"His name is Axle, and I have had him since birth in 2015. He is an Australian Cattle dog at five years old."

Ty Mangus (12)



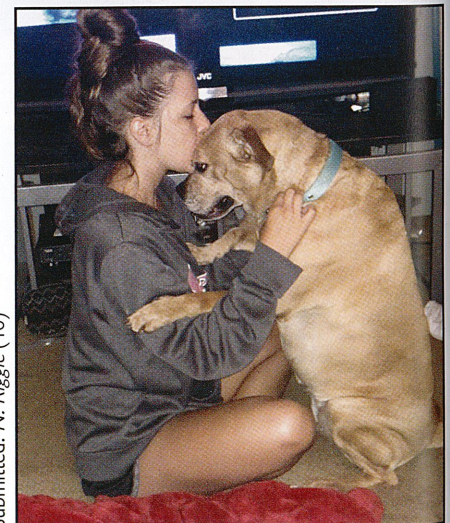
"This is my dog Rusty, he's six years old and is a fox red lab. I love my little ginger boy."

Katie Wigton (10)



"Oliver is an eight-month old yellow lab and weighs 80 pounds. My family and I have had him for about six months, and he is already my best friend."

Kyra McCandless (9)



Submitted: N. Riggle (10)

### One big brownie...

As Neveah Riggle (10) cuddles with her dog Brownie, she makes sure to let her know that she is a good girl. "Brownie is 13-years old and really loves her dog treats," Riggle said. Riggle indicated that she has owned Brownie, the boxer/chow mix, for about nine years.

## grounded quote

"I learned how to be responsible for another living thing by helping take care of my dogs and cat."

Ethan Mamros (10)



# THANKFUL FOR THOSE FRIENDS AT HOME

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## Students bond with pets during lockdown

When citizens all across Pennsylvania heard the news on March 13 that Governor Wolf mandated a "lockdown" for the Commonwealth, it became difficult to find anybody excited about staying home for a few months. The directives cancelled events, closed public places, and sent student online. However,

one special group benefited—pets.

Over the next few months, our furry friends went on more walks, got more belly rubs, and cuddled more with their humans than ever before. The stay-at-home order caused bonding between pets and owners that would have never occurred if life continued as usual.

"My rat Templeton and my cat Ron stood by my side through the whole quarantine, and they still do. They kept me

happier and somewhat sane," Makayla Anderson (11) said.

Some pets even found brand new homes during the lockdown.

"Over quarantine, we got an Alaskan malamute. We already had a small dog, and we really wanted a big playful dog. I think it made quarantine a lot more enjoyable," Alyssa Seibel (9) said.

Although humans had a hard time when their lives as they knew it stopped, pets had an exciting few months at the beginning of the year.

## EAT YOU OUT OF HOUSE & HOME

Amount of food per month...

**5** lbs of food  
Cats

**30** cups of food  
Small dogs

**120** cups of food  
Large dogs

**75** pinches of flakes  
Goldfish

**525** lbs of hay  
Horses

**300** crickets  
Bearded dragons

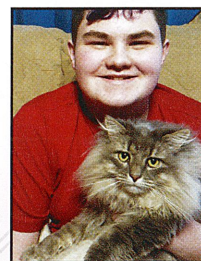
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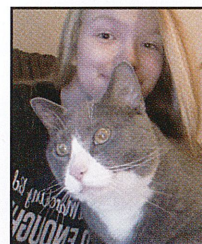
## Fish fan...

Having owned his fish for about a year, Garrett Seymour (9) explains how he named his fish. Seymour said, "My silver goldfish is named Paul after Paul McCartney of the Beatles, and the goldfish that is orange with spots is named Levon for the Elton John song of the same name." By choosing those names, Seymour successfully merged his love of goldfish with classic rock.

## Discuss your furry feline.



"Our cat Storm shares the house with a beagle, pyrenees, and husky. While all three think they rule the roost in our house, Storm is the one we all fight over to hold." Jamie See (9)



"This is my cat Socks. I've had him since he was a kitten, and he is five-years old. I got him from my old campground when the owners cat had eight kittens." Miranda Crofutt (10)

## Lecture time...

While out in the pasture, Abigail Negley (10) talks with her horse Faith. "I love riding my horse. she is a 17-year old American Quarter Horse," Negley said. She had owned Faith for nearly 10 years.



Submitted: A. Riggle (10)

"This is my cat Calcifer. We got her in early June of 2020, and she is about half a year old. We found her and my sister's cat living beneath our wood shed with the mother and an older kitten."

Autumn Ashbaugh (12)



"Our cat Liquorice used to be a show cat that we bought off the owner along with her sister because they were too old to perform. We have had her for eleven years, and she loves sleeping and hugs on the couch. She does absolutely nothing all day."

Isabella Law (12)

"I played catch with my German Shepard Diesel whenever I got bored."

Michael Ferraccio (11)

How did your furry family get you through quarantine?

"I played with my chihuahua Coco, a lot. She loves belly rubs."

Caden Jackson (9)

"I could rant to them about what was going on, and they didn't judge me."

Isabelle Shirey (11)

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## grounded quote

"When I was younger, I made sandcastles in my sandbox. My friend Tatum [Antimary] ate the sand in her sandbox."

Taygen Hill (9)

## Get me all DIRTY

### Fierce flyer...

Located in Clintonville, PA, Luke Cawley (10) competes in round six of the AWRCS (A True American Woods Racing Series) *Back to School Race*. "This track has a jump over a creek. A few times, people have crashed on their landing, and the bikers right behind have landed right in it or even on each other," Cawley said. Not one of his best races, he finished 11th out of 96.

Photo submitted by: L. Cawley (10)



### Not afraid to get dirty...

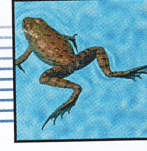
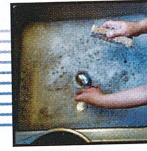
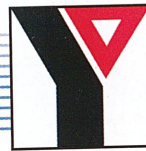
From Butler to Templeton, PA, Katrina Koenig (10) races her Raptor 250 named Black Stallion. "Getting muddy is the best part. Splashing through the mud puddles really fast, not caring how bad my hair is gonna be is the best part about racing," Koenig said. Koenig raced in both the youth women's and adult women's classes. She finished fourth out of 15 girls in youth and third out of nine girls in adult.



Photo: S. Koenig (par)

## JUST desserts

In Mrs. Novak's Elements of Foods class, students delve into the science behind cooking and baking. While learning about everything dairy, the winning team of students received a sweet treat—a rewards lab. Time and time again, students chose to make "dirt." The decadent dessert combined chocolate, whipped cream, and cream cheese.



Discuss the dirtiest, most disgusting job you have to do at work or at home.

"My friend and I had to pull stumps and roots for my neighbor. Little did we know that it was completely infested in poison ivy. I had it for over a month and had to take meds for it."

John Wolfe (10)

"I used to work at the YMCA in Plum as a lifeguard. There was nothing like having to clean up vomit in the back corner of the therapy pool. We had to use a special powder for it."

Jake Folaron (12)

"I used to work at Ianni's in Vandergrift. There was nothing more disgusting than having to do the dishes with all the bits of food and gunk in the water."

Lacey Mamros (12)

"When I worked at the Leechburg Pool, we had to constantly clean out the filter. You have no idea how many times there were slimy, smelly dead frogs in there."

Doug Johnson (12)

### All smiles...

Covered head to toe in mud, Principal Dr. Roland catches his breath after an AWRCS race in Scrubgrass, PA. Dr. Roland said, "My son Dominic actually suckered me into racing. I am actually more often dirty than not." The racing season consisted of 10 races, starting in March and ending in October.

Photo: C. Roland (wife)



### Airborne...

As Dawson Deal (11) rides his 2021 Yamaha YZ250X SwitchbackMX in Butler, he generates a little air under him as he navigates the hills. "I have competed in numerous states in the GNCC (Grand National Cross Country) Series," Deal said. He rode quads starting at the age of five, but recently progressed to riding dirt bikes."



Photo: M. Hagofsky (10)

"Cornhole. It is a classic outdoor game that almost everyone knows how to play. It's simple, but still a lot of fun and an easy way to bring people together at a gathering."

Summer Fairman (11)



PHOTO: E. LYNCH (13)



### Down on the farm...

In the back lot of the family 120-acre farm off of route 819 in Bell Township, Brayden Lynch (10) practices his riding skills on a sunny weekend afternoon. "I love getting muddy and dirty while I ride," Lynch said. He spent his summers competing in various racing circuits which had him traveling all over western Pennsylvania.

# 4 WHEELS & TIME FOR MUDDIN

Photo: E. Lynch (9)

## Avid riders encounter sticky situations

Story: R. Fowler (12)

Located in prime riding lands, the Kiski District housed trails, wooded hills, and fields for students to go four-wheeling. A short trip down route 66 toward New Stanton, one student found himself and his TRX 450R buried in mud and muck. After having his four-wheeler

for about six years, Collin Cline (10), his dad, and a few of his dad's friends headed to Heilwood, PA for the 1000-Acre Tri-County ATV Riding Park.

"Shortly after the Fourth of July, it had rained hard the day before we went there to ride. At the bottom of a hill was a huge puddle that I thought I could make it through. I hit the water and immediately sunk. It took five people to lift the four-wheeler out. We were all completely saturated in mud and muck.

I would do it again at the drop of a hat," Cline said.

Another student found herself in a similar situation. While camping with her family in Wilcox, PA, Brittnei Barnhart (10) also cemented herself in muddled ruts.

"My mom, stepdad, brother, and I were all enjoying an afternoon of riding trails that we've never ridden before. My stepdad made it through a rutted area covered in puddles, so I thought it would

be an easy task. I quickly learned that my Honda just wasn't going to make it across. I did my best to rev the engine to make it out, but the wheels just sunk deeper and deeper. My mom gave it a shot, and she actually got it unstuck. I had mud on my clothes, in my hair, in my boots, and even in my mouth. Where we stayed, there was no shower. I had to do my best wiping it all off and deal with it for the next two days."

## GIVE IT ALL FOR THE GAME



"Shinny is my favorite because you can play the game anywhere. You can play it on beaches, at a park, in your backyard, and more."

Adalynn Jodon (9)

"Bocce reminds me of my family's annual trip to North Carolina."

Zachary Obringer (9)

**1** Geno Gallippi (11)...  
"Hitting out of the sand can be tough since you're not allowed to take a true practice swing."

**2** Keira Lovely (12)...  
"I am practicing my horseback riding skills and preparing for one of our local barn shows. This is me doing something I love and plan to continue after my senior year."

**3** Anders Bordoy (10)...  
"I miss playing on real grass. The fake turf is fine, but I don't like the little rubber pellets that constantly get in my shoes."

Discuss your favorite outdoor picnic game.

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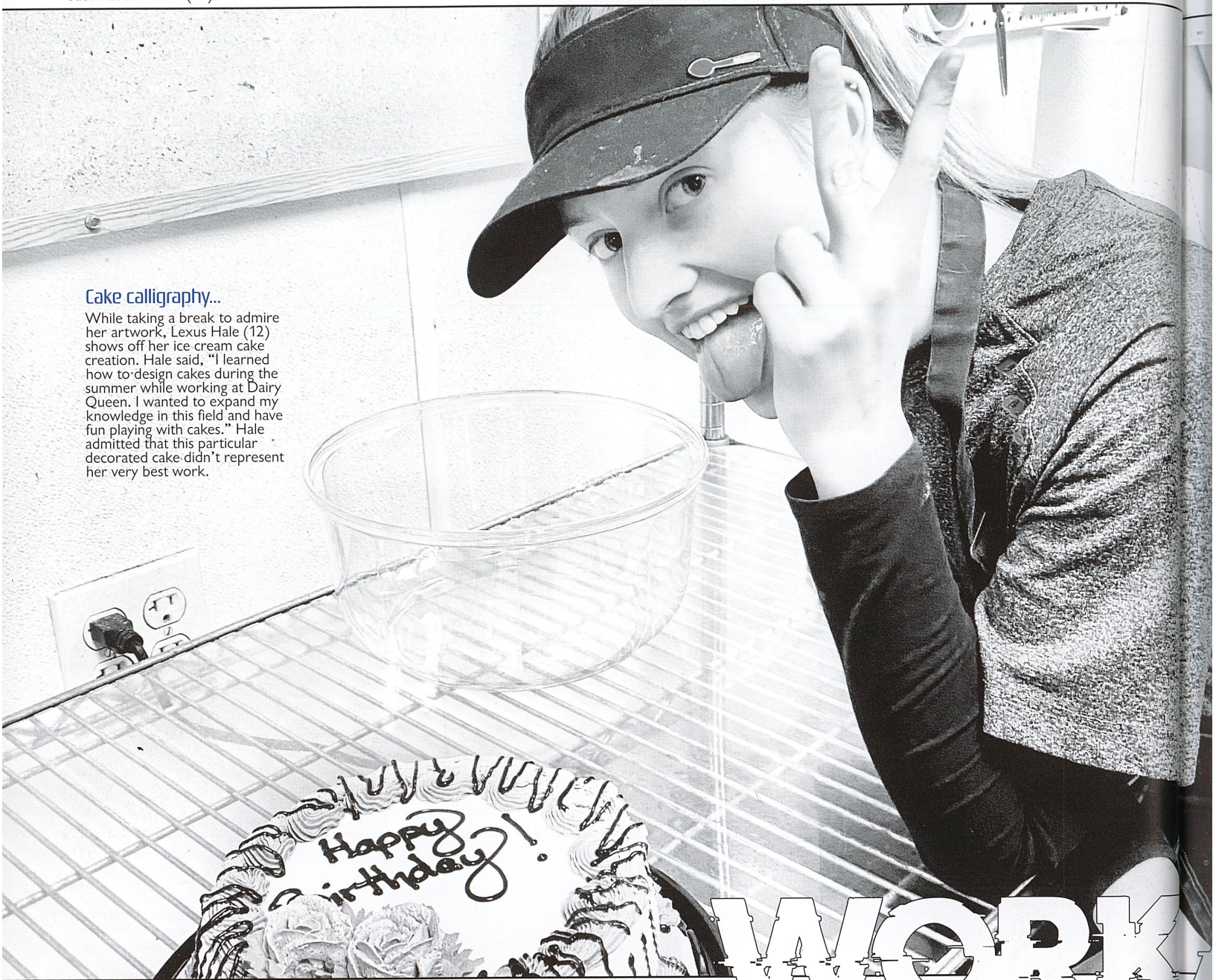
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### Cake calligraphy...

While taking a break to admire her artwork, Lexus Hale (12) shows off her ice cream cake creation. Hale said, "I learned how to design cakes during the summer while working at Dairy Queen. I wanted to expand my knowledge in this field and have fun playing with cakes." Hale admitted that this particular decorated cake didn't represent her very best work.



# WORK

Submitted: A. Laney (12)



### Balancing act...

On the way to her first day of work, Aneeka Laney (12) allows her mom to document the occasion. Laney said, "Balancing work at McDonald's, school work, and raising my daughter is a lot." Laney impressed her mom with her ability to manage her full workload.

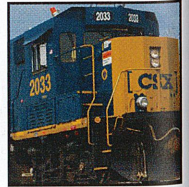
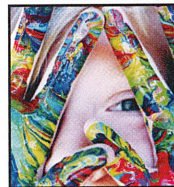
### Cashier King(s)...

After finishing up with one of his customers at King's in Delmont, Logan Reynolds (11) operates the cash register to total up the bill. "I had a customer get mad at me one time when serving him soup and his fish dinner within minutes of each other. I thought it would be better to serve it to him than let it sit under the lamp. He did not agree with me," Reynolds said.



Submitted: L. Reynolds (11)

## SOMEDAY SOON...



### Students discuss their dream jobs and future employers.

"I want to be a CYS (Children and Youth Services) worker so that I can help kids find homes and be safe."

Jasmine Reinhart (11)

"I would like to be a criminal investigator for the Department of Justice. I want to be in this job because I want to help others."

Nevaeh Riggle (12)

"Train conductor: the least they will make a year is \$45,000, and they can travel anywhere the tracks take them. CSX is my top choice."

Dominic Husack (9)





Working at Big Shot Bobs (BSB) became quite the task for a high school student. A day in the life of a BSB employee consisted of answering questions, phone calls, counting and cooking chicken wings, making hoagies, wrapping them up, and tossing everything into takeout bags.

"My day at BSB is a little different from everyone else's. I do work release, and I do more clerical things for the shop such as making the schedule and paying the bills," Bailey Hamilton (12) said.

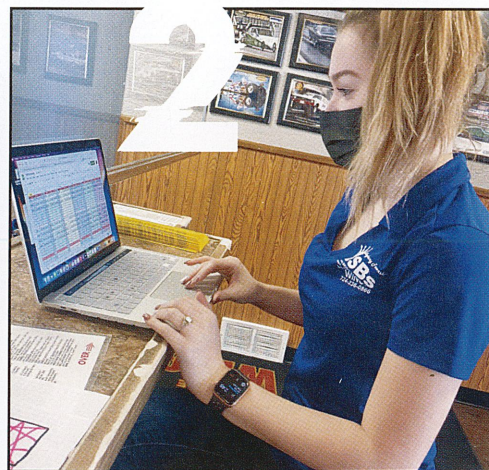
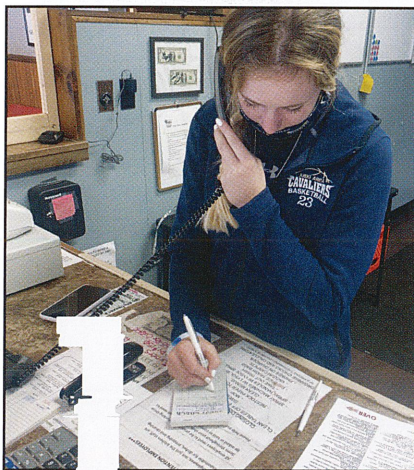
Nicole Hilty's (12) favorite BSB moment happened during one of her first weeks there.

Hilty said, "I just got done making sauces in the large one gallon bottles. I picked up one, but I didn't see how full it was. When I shook it to fill one of the smaller bottles up, the lid was not closed entirely, and I got mild sauce all over me and the ceiling."

COVID-19 has impacted the restaurant industry especially hard. When talking about a funny moment with a customer, Zachary Roden (12) said, "It was a Tuesday, and this customer came in and stayed for like 10 minutes after we closed to rant about masks and his rights. Working in the restaurant industry is definitely entertaining."

One could experience a new adventure each day while working at BSB.

- 1) Nicole Hilty (12)
- 2) Bailey Hamilton (12)
- 3) Zach Roden (12)
- 4) Bobs Signature Hot Wings



Submitted: B. Hamilton (12)

# AND CLASSES... A PIECE OF CAKE

Story: R. Frye (10)

## Students discuss variety of jobs held

Some people believed that jobs could distract someone from school duties, whereas others believed that it could help motivate them. If someone had a job, it allowed less time to themselves and less time to procrastinate, which could vary the outcomes.

"I work curbside at Giant Eagle. It keeps me motivated. It can get sort of hard, but that is what I like about it," Faith Boyle (11) said.

Still, some workers had a different outlook. For Raina Bell (10), she viewed at it as a way to escape her everyday life.

"I enjoy going to work because I get to make new friends and talk to people. It is my escape from home," Bell said.

"I work on my grandparents' dairy farm. It is a very stressful line of work. As stressful as it is sometimes, I would rather be on the farm any day over being in school," Seth Frye (12) said.

With the variety in the types of jobs and the varying degree of flexibility among them, a similarity occurred between them all—jobs permitted an escape from daily problems in life while earning a few dollars in the process.

"I want to be a medical gerontologist because I love caring for people. I have been around old people who were in the hospital when I was a very young and I had multiple nurses and patients telling me that I would be a great nurse."

Kaitlyn Shaw (10)

Describe your dream career.

"Tattoo artist because it seems like it would be fun and if I get good enough I could get a lot of money."

Alayna Darley (12)

"My ultimate dream job would be becoming an aerospace engineer because I love math and science. I would like to work with NASA someday because I have always been fascinated with the work they do surrounding spacecrafts."

Natalie Pflum (9)

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Photo: L. Mamros (par)

### Formal, not normal...

While wearing outfits that they normally would not wear on the track, Jordan Fairman (12) and Yuner Sesmas (12) enjoy the chauffeured ride in the Homecoming Parade. "I was excited about being selected for the Homecoming Court and thought it was a great experience," Fairman said. She regretted her decision to wear a sleeveless gown, due to the cold temperatures that October 16 evening.

### grounded quote

"Homecoming was a night to remember... from the crisp cold air when sitting on top of our car to the roaring crowd, cheering for the queen."

Levi Hansen (10)

## RIDING with royalty

Discuss your wheels during the Homecoming Parade.



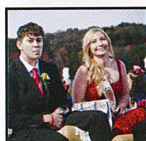
"I rode in a blue Corvette with Mike Ellenberger (12). The ride was cold, but comfortable. My Honda Civic does not compare to this convertible Corvette."

Olivia Rapachietta (12)



"I rode with my brother Levi Hansen (10) in a BMW and it was a comfortable ride to the football field. I loved it."

Olivia Hansen (12)



"James Mundy (12) and I rode in a 1964 Chevy truck. We had to sit on the top of the head rest, so it was uncomfortable, but it made me not slide off of the back."

Paige Faulk (12)



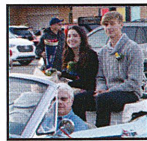
"I rode with Yuner Sesmas (12) in a Pontiac G6 convertible. It was a little nerve racking at first, but I got more comfortable with time. I have a very old car, so it was much different."

Jordan Fairman (12)



"Bryson Mohny (12) and I rode in a 1964 Chevy truck. It was really comfortable because we built a bench in the back to sit on."

Chloe Young (12)



"Jake Karns (12) and I rode in a light blue 1964 1/2 Mustang. Tom, the driver and owner of the car, is a family friend of Jake's. He offered to drive us in his cool car."

Valerie McMullen (12)

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### That's my name...

Upon hearing her name announced over the speakers at Dilts Field, Valerie McMullen (12) expresses her surprise at winning 2020 Homecoming Queen. McMullen said, "My grandma, who is now battling cancer, was on her Homecoming Court. She was not able to attend the game, but she was watching from home. She has always been my biggest supporter, and I am so thankful that she was able to see me." McMullen figured she would return in 2021 to pass on the Crown since she planned to attend Duquesne University, a short trip into Pittsburgh.

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# RIDING OUT

## THE CHILLY WEATHER

Story: S. Linhart (12)

### Court attempts to stay warm during scaled-back affair

A pandemic did not stop a tradition as old as football in western Pennsylvania, as the announcement of the Homecoming Queen occurred during halftime of the game against Shaler Area High School. A cold evening with temperatures hovering around 35 degrees could not dampen the celebration.

The seniors nominated for Homecoming court included Jordan Fairman, Paige Faulk, Olivia Hansen, Valerie McMullen, Olivia Rapacchietta, and Chloe Young. The girls wore long dresses and short skirts, not the typical attire for such a chilly night.

"It was freezing, especially in a dress, but the night went by pretty fast, so it wasn't too awful," Jordan Fairman (12) said.

After much anticipation, cheerleader Valerie McMullen, escorted by Jake Karns (12), heard her name announced

Homecoming Queen.

"It was so cold. I don't think I would have felt as cold if my legs were covered, though. I had open toed shoes on, and by the time we got down to the field, my toes were numb. Whenever I won, I was shocked. It was amazing to see how happy everyone was for me and how many people congratulated me," Valerie McMullen (12) said.

The excitement from the announcement of Homecoming Queen helped the football team with a win that night by a final score of 55-22.

### HOMECOMING BY THE NUMBERS

What went into the big day?

**4** dresses considered  
Valerie McMullen (12)

**15** yrs. as big sister to escort  
Olivia Hansen (12)

**1** dress considered  
Jordan Fairman (12)

**90** minutes to get ready  
Chloe Young (12)

**15** yrs. friends with escort  
Paige Faulk (12)

**60** minutes to get ready  
Olivia Rapacchietta (12)

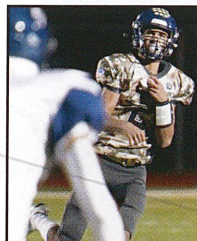
Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### Perfect timing...

While playing the five octave marimba during the halftime show, Gabriel Reiner (9) displays his expertise, using his five years of experience on a variety of percussion instruments. "The power outage right before our show was pretty hysterical, although it allowed the front ensemble's old section leader from last year to make it to the stadium in time to see us perform," Reiner said. He felt that *For the Heroes* helped him get more comfortable with the marimba and offered a smooth transition into next year's show.

### What makes Homecoming different than every other game?



"We interact more with the band and participate in the parade. Also, more people seem to show up for Homecoming."  
Nyasia Chambers (11)

"I find that all football games are the same, no matter what event is taking place."  
LeBryn Smith (10)

"I have watched the marching band perform on their Facebook live streams. Since I am in marching band, the advantage of being able to watch the video multiple times helped fix my and others' mistakes."

Pailey Vitale (11)



"Homecoming is different from every other game because the band and guard have to rehearse differently than usual for pregame due to the Homecoming Ceremony."  
Maycee Auden (11)

What are the advantages to watching Kiski events at home rather than at the stadium or gym?

### Respect...

Prior to the start of the game, Brock Wilkins (11) runs to the opposite end zone from where his team entered the stadium to take a knee and pray. Wilkins said, "Wearing the camo jerseys and pointing to the students that are in our JROTC program after one of my touchdowns was a cool moment for me." Wilkins felt honored to have the opportunity to show his appreciation for the military with the camo jerseys and a huge victory against Shaler.

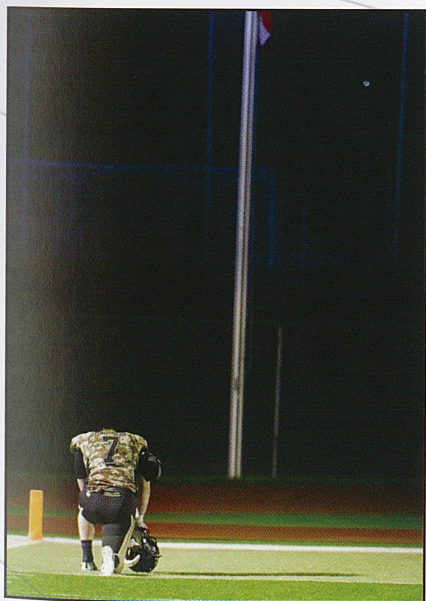
Photo: A. Wilkins (par)

"This Homecoming Game was different because it felt normal to see all the people in the stands watching the band perform. And, the people got the chance to see the football team win the game and watch the cheerleaders cheer."  
Zakiyah Worsham (10)



"I never went to the stadium for a football game, but I have heard it gets cold and crowded. The advantages I would think would be staying warm and that it's less crowded."

Savannah Renwick (10)



"I can watch it from anywhere, but it is not the same. I like going to sporting events to watch the game and talk to friends, which I am not able to do this year."

Tyler Zoldak (9)

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The school enrollment list contained multiple repeating first names. These students often heard their name called in class and listened as another student with the same name answered. How many students shared the most popular names?

Madison  
Madisyn  
Madysyn

13

Olivia



Hannah  
Hanna

10

Abigail  
Abagail  
Abbigail



Tyler  
Tylor  
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Ethan

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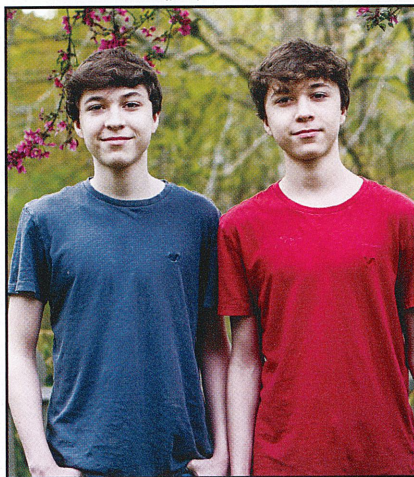
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Photo: L. Mamros (par)

## Parents raise MULTIPLES

### Don't call us twins...

While forcing a small smile for the photographer, Evan Mamros (10) wears a blue shirt and Ethan Mamros (10) dons his red shirt. Their mother Mrs. Lynn Mamros, said, "When the buds were younger, maybe five or six, someone called them *twins*, and they got upset. They said, 'Mom, what's twins? Someone called us twins.' Apparently we had never called them twins before. We all referred to them as *The Buddies* and still do today." Ethan Mamros preferred to wear red, which helped teachers identify him properly.



### Mistaken identity...

While the Dubas twins enjoy their Lunch and Learn break in the library, Aidan Dubas (12) recollects how people always get him and Ethan [Dubas] (12) mixed up, even since Aidan grew his hair out. Aidan Dubas said, "We never were in the same class in elementary school, and we have only ever scheduled the same class together at the high school once or twice." Even though they ran around in the same friend group, Aidan Dubas found having a twin annoying at times.

Submitted: J. Swanson (fac)



### Fords find furniture...

At the onset of Mr. Culler's bridge project in Algebra II, Hunter Ford (11) and Anthony Ford (11) learn the requirements of the four class period task. "We usually schedule two classes per year together. It allows us to help each other out," Anthony Ford said. The brothers started a furniture flipping business by purchasing couches and chairs on Facebook Marketplace, cleaning them up, and reselling them at a profit.

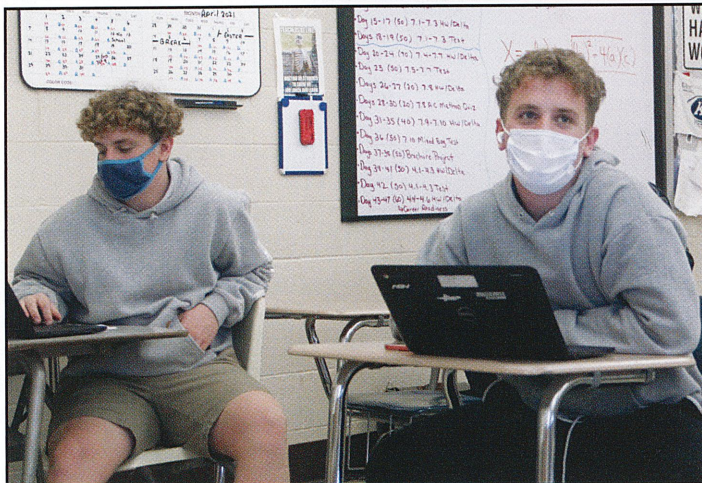
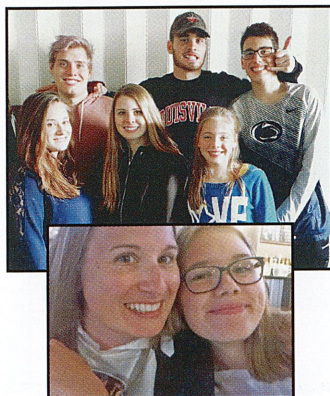


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## WHOLE lotta love

"Growing up with seven siblings is chaos all the time, but it was also really fun because there is never a dull moment. Right now, the age range of my siblings is 13-34. Most of them have moved out, and there are only three of us living at home now. My oldest sister is a teacher in Las Vegas, and we visit every summer. Despite our different ages and living in different places, we are really close to each other."

Anne Bowser (10)



### Sibling ...

While sharing AP English Language and Composition class together, Macey Hepler (11) and CJ Hepler (11) help each other when necessary. Macey Hepler said, "When we were little and used to argue, our dad would stick us both in the same big t-shirt until we forgave each other." Macey Hepler enjoyed having a twin since they never had to face something alone, such as the first day of school or a driver's test.

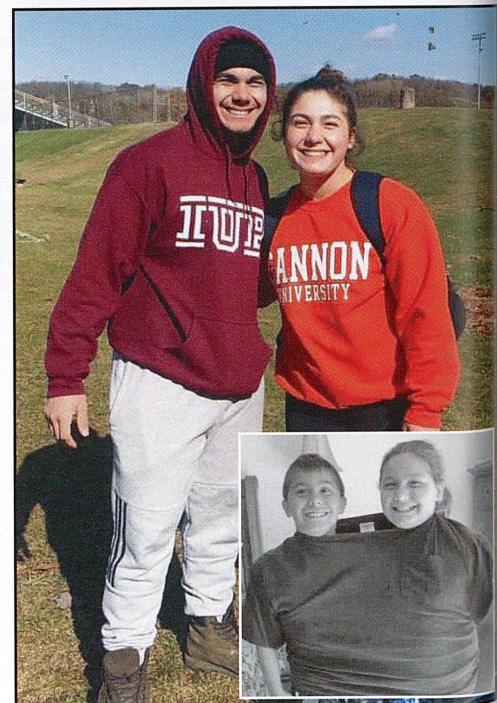


Photo: S. Feudale (par)

"I have six Instagram accounts. I have my main account, accounts I run for my siblings, and two fan page accounts."

Mikayla McDonald (11)





# NAMESAKE BRAWLERS

Story: J. Swanson (fac)

Students that share a name with another student discuss their unique situations

Just imagine a kindergartner's first day of school—fears, worries, uncertainty. The kindergartner gets told to get on a bus. She boards the bus because she does not know any better. But, the bus ends up belonging to a second grader who happens to share the kindergartner's name. That situation actually happened to Lauren Michaels (11) on her first day at Allegheny-Hyde Park Elementary School. Fortunately, as Michaels got older, she easily deciphered when something was meant for the other Lauren Michaels.

"I would get emails from other students regarding group projects for the other Lauren

Michaels since no one knew who had which email address. Mine is [laurene.michaels@kiskiarea.com](mailto:laurene.michaels@kiskiarea.com) and hers was [lauren.michael@kiskiarea.com](mailto:lauren.michael@kiskiarea.com). Neither of us had [lauren.michaels@kiskiarea.com](mailto:lauren.michaels@kiskiarea.com)," Michaels said.

With the older Lauren Michaels graduating in 2020, the younger Michaels got to finally enjoy the name to herself. However, two other same name pairs started attending the high school. Braden K. Jones (11) and Braden A. Jones (9) as well as Abigail Eleanor King (12) and Abigail Elizabeth King (9) shared the same inconveniences as the Michaels.

Braden K. Jones said, "I had gotten some of his emails early on in the year, got marked absent on days I participated and logged in, and had gotten yelled at by a teacher for something the other Braden did years back."

"I have encountered mistakes

in sports. Just recently, my high school swim coach asked me if I was a wrestling manager because they had put me in as the wrestling manager instead of the older Abigail," Abigail Elizabeth King said.

Abigail Eleanor King said, "When I was in 7th grade, the other Abby King was in 4th, and I remember logging into Skyward and her grades from Ms. Clayton's class were there. I had to go to the office, and they changed my Skyward username. I get so many emails that are for her or get invited to Google Classrooms that aren't mine."

With the inevitable confusion for teachers and staff regarding the Michaels, Kings, and Joneses, at least Ryan Shaffer (10) and Ryan Schaeffer (10) spelled their names differently.

## Abby Kings...

Once and for all, Abby King (9) and Abby King (12) decide who gets to keep the name *Abby King*. King (9) said, "My parents wanted all my first and middle names to be from the Bible since my last name can be found multiple times in there." The Abbys differed in their middle names with King (12) having the middle name Eleanor (named after her grandmother), while King (9) carried the middle name Elizabeth.

## grounded quote

"I probably have around 20-25 hats. I have a bunch of them so that I can have one that goes with whatever I'm wearing."

Ethan Smith (12)

What do you have multiples of?

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"I have a lot of Stitch items (like from *Lilo and Stitch*.) I have figurines, clothes, keychains, cups, blankets, pictures and all other sorts of stuff dealing with Stitch."

Emmalee Mortensen (11)

"I have 22 chickens as well as two ostriches, deer, outdoor cats, a dog, and a turkey."

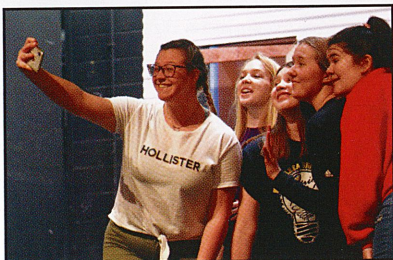
Melodie Duncan (12)





### You're out...

While performing the song *Gay or European*, Zach Roden (12) pulls Jake Riffer (2020 grad) up after a dip. Roden said, "My character Carlos is a Spanish gay man. Jake's character Nikos had just come out, so we were practicing the dance that went with his announcement." Roden expected to reprise the role of Carlos if they get to perform *Legally Blonde* in the spring.

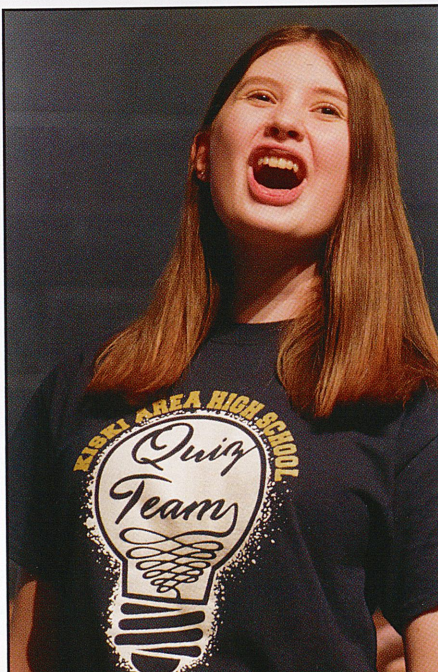


### Proud mama...

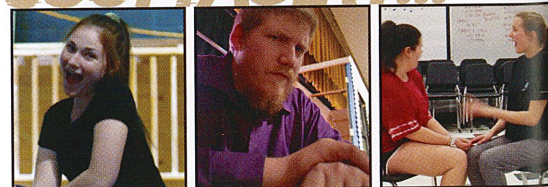
Elle, played by Lexi Caldwell (12) marches with her friends in a parade. Her mom, played by Jordan Zellers (12), stops the gang to take a selfie with them. Zellers said, "I was to play both Elle's mom and Whitney in the musical. I want to try out this spring for a bigger role." Zellers performed in Vandergrift's Hometown Christmas show for 12 straight years.

### Blonde belting...

Playing Vivienne Kensington in *Legally Blonde*, Shannon Brown (11) belts an Ab5 at the end of her main number *Legally Blonde Remix*. Brown said, "I have taken vocal lessons for the past three years with Michael Busija. I believe that helped me score my part." She planned to major in musical theater in college.



## JUST FACE IT...



### Discuss your thoughts about facial expressions on stage.

"I had to keep a smile on my face constantly during my song *Whipped Into Shape*. It was exhausting keeping that peppy spirit while singing and jump roping."

Bekah Fowler (12)

"The way you express yourself on stage is key. If you don't believe it, how can even you expect others to believe it?"

Ryan Felt (dir)

"I try to think about what the character Elle would be thinking about in each scene. I need to overdramatically express her emotions so that the whole audience can see it."

Alexis Caldwell (12)



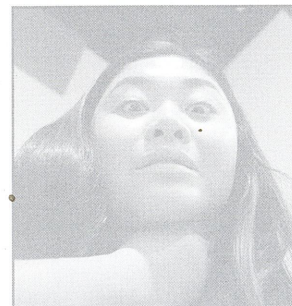
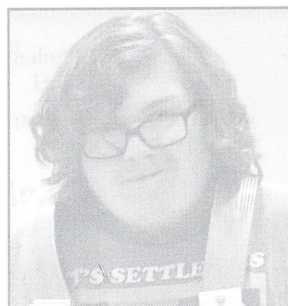
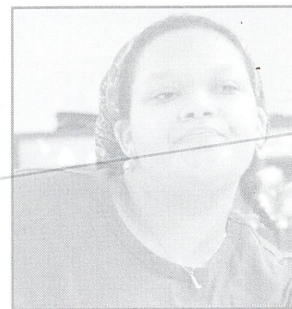
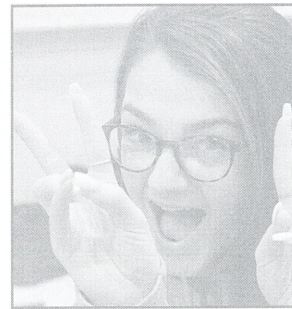
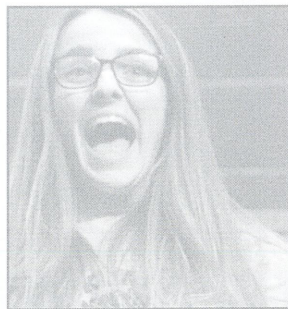
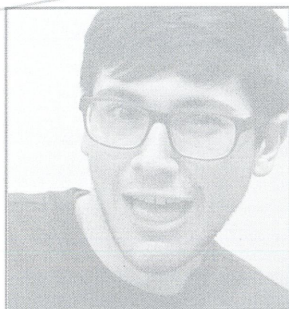
# FORGOTTEN

Getting to perform for one last time represented a high school performer's ultimate dream. One would expect bigger roles to come their way during their senior year. With Governor Wolf's shutdown order, many seniors lost out on that final high school performing opportunity.

Even though the plan involved doing the show again in 2021, the parts earned by the students listed below would have to go to others. As the door shut on these actors, it would soon open for younger students to shine in the spotlight.

As we turned out the lights on the 2020 edition of *Legally Blonde*, the *Campus* staff felt it appropriate to highlight some of the cast "one last time."

- 1) Ethan Newell (2020 grad)
- 2) Ashley Neff (2020 grad)
- 3) Rylee Celo (2020 grad)
- 4) Logan Smietana (2020 grad)
- 5) Jack Petrarca (2020 grad)
- 6) Laney Urban (2020 grad)
- 7) Angeles Ondish (2020 grad)
- 8) Jacob Riffer (2020 grad)
- 9) Annalyne Simon (2019 grad)



# A REHEARSAL LIKE NO OTHER

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## Cast of spring musical performs memorable last rehearsal

When the cast of the 2020 production of *Legally Blonde* gathered for the last time, their butterflied stomachs never felt so bad. Rumors of school shutdowns and no extracurriculars loomed large, and on the evening of Friday, March 13th, rehearsal took place like no other before.

"That night was such an emotional and memorable night for me. We all tried to take in every second of rehearsal as we did not know if it would be our last time performing together or not. At the end of the rehearsal, we all ended

up in tears and in each other's arms. Looking back on that day, I cherish every second of it because that was the last time I got to see my friends from the cast and perform with them which is very special to me," Shannon Brown (11) said. Brown played the part of Vivienne Kensington in the production.

Emotions ran high that night, and no one knew what would happen next. They remained unsure about the next rehearsal, or even the probability of having a show, but the fears for the future did not hinder the performances that

occurred; they enhanced it.

"Our last rehearsal was the best run through we've ever had. In the long run, I realize that it was a gift to get to run the show one last time with the seniors," Alexis Caldwell (12) said. Caldwell starred in the show as Elle Woods.

Although the ending of this chapter was not one that they had wished for, this cast forever had the memory of a special "last performance" unlike any other in the history of the school's musicals.

"I was disappointed because we were so close to opening night. We put in a lot of work, and it was taken away from us. We were all pretty upset about it."

Mackenzie Knapp (10)

How did you feel when mandates cancelled the musical?

"It was very upsetting. We had the entire set almost built. The show was a week away. I felt bad for the seniors who never got to perform."

Kaileyann Reutzel-Fish (11)

"I had a lot of close friends participating in it that I was excited to see. It was sad that I never got to see them perform."

Hanna Zidek (12)

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Yearbook staff asked students to submit the best pictures they have ever taken. We displayed some of the ones that caught our eye.

#### Outer shell...

During a trip to the Outer Banks, Autumn Ashbaugh (12) displays her eye for framing using a seashell. Ashbaugh said, "My sister and I were out on the beach, and I thought I would use her and a seashell to see what kind of picture I would get." Ashbaugh enjoyed picture-taking on family vacations.



Photo: Autumn Ashbaugh (12)

# ARE YOU KIDDING

Student photo submissions impress

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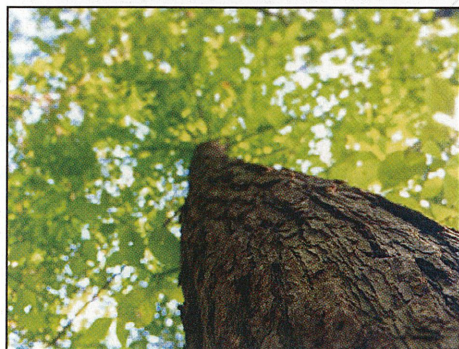


Photo: Cooper Sluka (11)  
Location: Heart Attack Hill Hiking



Photo: Sophie Smietana (10)  
Location: Hyde Park, PA



Photo: Zach Myers (10)  
Location: Vandergrift, PA



Windy city  
wonderful...

While visiting her sister Tara in Chicago, Larissa Dubac (12) takes pictures of Tara to build her photography portfolio. Dubac said, "I took a bunch of pictures outside her apartment in the alleyway." She planned to enter the photography field as a career after graduation.



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Photo: Larissa Dubac (12)

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### Lunar inspiration...

During a winter full moon, Emma Mellinger (10) notices its beauty and grabs her camera for a stellar shot. Mellinger said, "I saw it, I snapped it, and I thought it was beautiful." Whenever she saw an inspirational subject, Mellinger grabbed her phone and took a quick picture.





Photo: *Ethan Kerr* (10)  
Location: In an airplane over Pittsburgh



Photo: *Isabella Law* (12)  
Location: Native American Reservation in Grays Harbor County, Washington

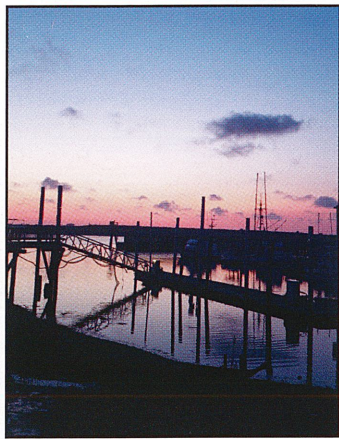


Photo: *Tylor Rendos* (12)  
Location: Sunset Lane in Apollo, PA



Photo: *Maxine Crosby* (10)  
Location: Orchard Hills, PA



## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Photo: *Dylan Arner* (11)



### Found fun...

While goofing around at the skate park (the old tennis courts) in Vandergrift, Aidan Bico (11) and Dylan Arner (11) have fun with a beat up old bicycle they found. Arner said, "At first, the picture was nothing more than silly, but the more I look at it, the more I realized the deeper meaning. The bicycle may be old, rusted, and broken, but the young lad still finds joy in it." Arner felt this showed that people should learn to find joy in what they have, rather than idolizing the people who have more than them.

## NATURE SHOTS



Photo: *Jackson Newell* (10)  
Location: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN



Photo: *Katrina Mangini* (11)  
Location: Under the Vandergrift Bridge, Vandergrift, PA



Photo: *Abigail King* (9)  
Location: Shelocta, PA

"My friend Ben and I used to compare each other to some food each year and fill up the first page of the yearbook with the comparison. The first year we did it, I compared him to a banana and he compared me to Dr. Pepper. It was hilarious."

*Isabel Ramos* (11)

"Once, my best friend decided she was going to take up a whole page to write me a letter for the summer even though she lived down the street."

*Reilly Brandle* (10)

"Aidan Wilwohl predicting that the 73-9 Golden State Warriors would lose in the 2016 NBA Finals."

*Eddie Fuhrer* (12)

Name the funniest message someone has written in your yearbook.

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### Ray of sunshine...

At the prompting of Mr. Fantaski, Emily Schrag (12) pulls out her cell phone in the blinding sun and snaps a shot of the afternoon fire drill. Schrag said, "I lifted my phone up over my head and aimed across the parking lot. I had no idea I would catch all the sun rays." This represented about a fifth of what the parking lot looked like in a typical year.



Photo: E. Schrag (12)



# PEOPLE

## BREAKING NEW GROUND

Three ways you  
spent the quarantine...

Zoe Holm (9) worked out, practiced her basketball skills, and jumped on her trampoline.

Shawna Basara-Tingler (9) played on her computer, cooked dinners, and went for a few runs.

Mrs. Tara Taliani painted the inside of her house, renovated a bathroom, and worked out in her basement home gym.

Mrs. Beverly Kocon completed numerous jigsaw puzzles, did some gardening, and anxiously awaited to hold her granddaughter born on March 27th.

Officer Charity Hollis had to work but did it away from school, participated in some bonfires, and enjoyed watching *Survivor* on television.

Anthony Pusateri (9) passed the time by watching television, going outside, and playing video games.

Brian Davenport (9) practiced his basketball skills, watched videos on YouTube, and read books.

Madison Leith (11) FaceTimed with her friends, hung out with her family, and got a lot of quality time on the Xbox.

Adalynn Jodon (9) painted more, spent time with family, and enjoyed extra time outdoors.

Sierra Linhart (12) watched way too much Netflix, went through all of her clothes, and watched some TikToks too.

AJ Tedesco (12) drove his car, played some hockey, and skated.

Aneeka Laney (12) slept, worked, and most importantly, took care of her daughter Katerina.

Alyssa Seibel (9) built a shed, worked on some landscaping, and walked and ran with her dogs.

Mr. Dakota Fickes cleaned his house, completed some home workouts, and ordered takeout dinners.

Miranda Crofutt (10) spun her rifle to keep sharp for Colorguard, cleaned the house, and spent time with her animals.

Austin Jackson (10) put in a lot of time fishing, making lures, and working.

Vice Principal Gonnella delivered diplomas to his "knuckleheads," sadly lost his twin brother Leonard, and spent nights thinking of ways to get Sierra to graduate.

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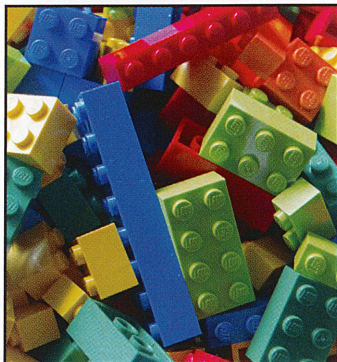
Story: L. Newell (12)

### grounded quote

"Don't toy around with people's feelings. Be kind, listen carefully, and be supportive."

**Tara Shamburg**  
(12)

Gamers recall early times with interlocking toy



Originating in 1932, Ole Kirk Christiansen from Denmark invented one of the most widely used toys in the world. Interlocking plastic bricks, Legos have entertained children for 88 years. One student remembered playing with his general set of blocks.

"We really didn't have any specifically designed sets, but we had large box that my friend Dominic and I used to play with all the time. We built items like towers, houses, and ships. In first and second grade, we used to play with them for hours on end," Joey Daniele (12) said.

Another student enjoyed building weapons and massive structures.

Zach Fry (12) said, "When I was about four or five years old, I remember going to my grandparents' house and building Legos with my cousin Jimmy. We used to build swords and battled with them. It was fun for one hit, and then they just broke apart. We also liked building huge structures with them like towers."

On the down side, one student recalled a painful time with her plastic pieces.

Alexis Wilson (12) said, "My brother Dakota and I used to play with Legos all the time, actually for hours. We weren't all that good at cleaning them up. When mom or dad would step on one, we'd get yelled at, even though we thought it was hilarious."

**Austin Abell-Swarmer**  
NWCTC Construction Trades

**Neo Alberti**  
Band, Key Club

**Caitlyn Alexander**  
Colorguard, NHS, Musical, Key Club, Choir

**Nathan Alexander**  
NWCTC Carpentry

**Cody Arenth**  
Football

**Anthony Aronson**

**Madison Artman**  
Colorguard, Yearbook, Key Club, NHS, Choir

**Autumn Ashbaugh**  
NHS, French Club, Drama Club, Choir, Musical, Key Club, WIRC

**Cameron Augustine**

**Marissa Baker**  
Student Council, Key Club, Tech Desk, Library Aide, Yearbook

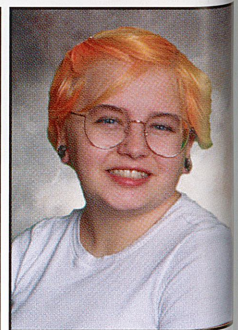
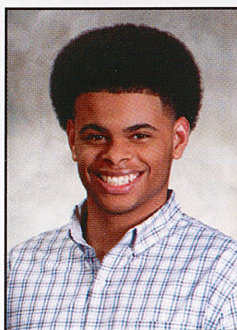
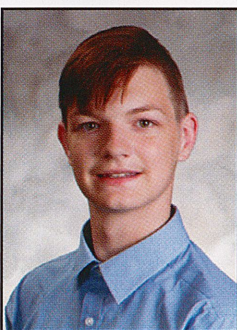
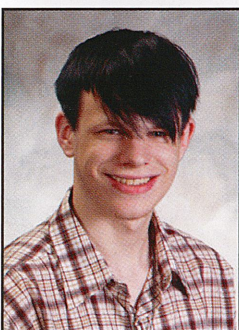
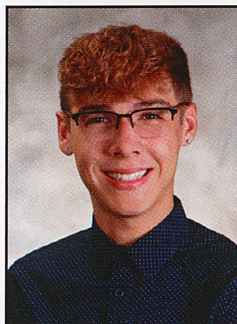
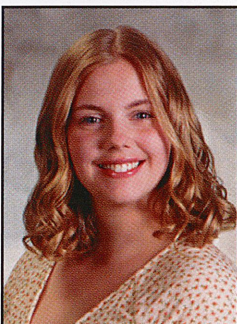
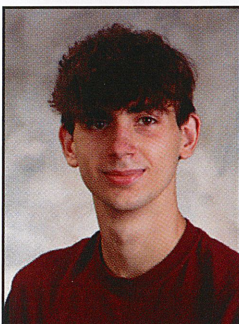
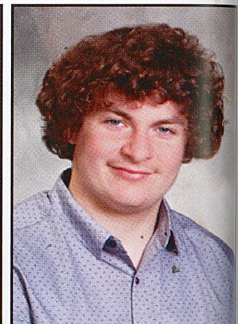
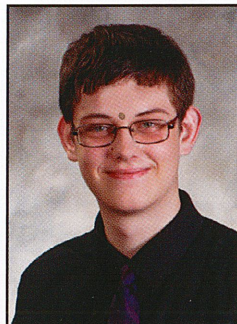
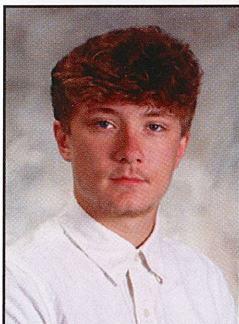
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NWCTC Auto Mechanics

**Zachary Bala**

**Donovan Barszczewski**  
NWCTC Advanced Manufacturing

**Malikai Bays**  
NWCTC Culinary Arts

**Zoe Belknap**  
NHS, Marching Band, WIRC, Bible Club, Skills USA, NTHS, NWCTC Cosmetology





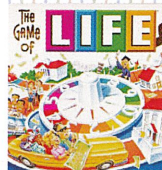


Submitted: N. Fitch (12)

### Teaching a rookie...

During a warm summer day in 2019, Noah Fitch (12) teaches his cousin the finer points of kayaking. Fitch said, "It was his first time, so I thought I would take him out on Crooked Creek. He had a blast." Fitch liked to go kayak fishing but admitted that it took some skills to control the boat while casting out the line.

## We played it all the time



Which childhood board game kept you the most busy?

"I remember so many times when my mom and I would break out the board game *Life*. She rarely won, and would get mad at it all the time."

John Delbene (12)

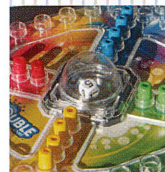


"I kept asking for a dirtbike, because my parents knew it was just a recipe for a disaster."

Evan Hileman (12)

"My Pap and I used to live right next to each other. I would spend the night there, and he and I would play chess. He usually beat me, but would always offer me advice."

Landon Newell (12)



"I always wanted some type of console, Xbox or PlayStation. I never got either until my birthday this year. I wanted a PS4 so badly because I was always watching play-throughs of every game. I had the knowledge of these video games but never had the opportunity to play any."

Madalynn Byers (12)

"I always remember being over at my grandparents' house. They had a stack of board games. The best one was Trouble because of the dice popper in the middle."

Olivia Blankenship (12)



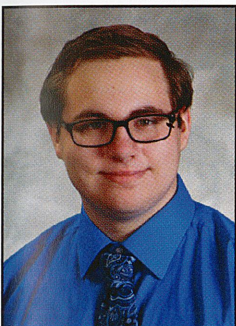
"When I was younger, I was very fond of Monster High dolls. I always asked to get the ghost doll because I thought the outfit she wore was so cool. Eventually I did get the ghost doll, but it was a different version of it. The doll instead wore a prom dress instead of the outfit I liked."

Autumn Ashbaugh (12)

"My brother Adam and I used to play Candy Land all the time. It was always awesome landing on the lollipop because that meant that you were almost to the end."

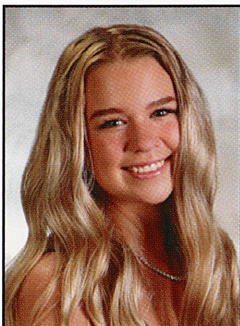
Aubrey Large (12)

What toy did you repeatedly ask for at Christmas?

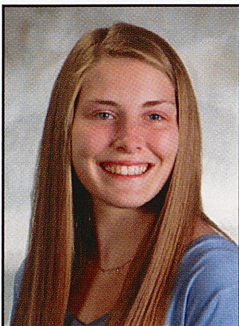


Joseph Belles

Bowling



Mackenzi Bigley



Olivia Blankenship

Key Club, Volleyball, Track, Choir, Ski Club



Hailey Bollinger

Key Club, Student Council, NHS, Cheerleading

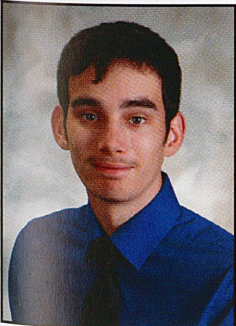


Jacob Borden



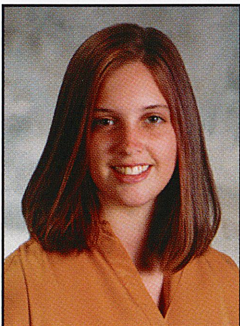
Cecilia Brennan

NHS, Bible Club, Treble Ensemble, Stage Crew



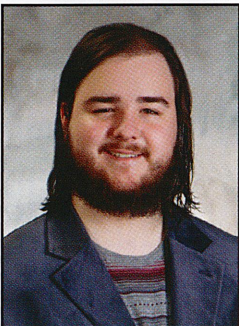
Matthew Brink

Soccer



Riley Jo Brown

Softball



Daniel Brunermer

NWCTC Construction Trades



**Frank Burke**  
NWCTC Culinary Arts

**Katelyn Byers**

Cheerleading, Chorus, Musical, Dance Team,  
Key Club, Office Aide

**Madalynn Byers**

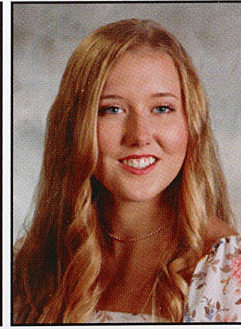
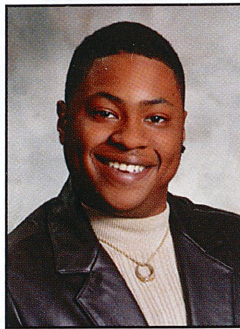
Musical, Drama Club, Spanish Club, Bowling,  
Choir

**Alexis Caldwell**

Volleyball, Musical, Key Club, CLC, NHS,  
Chinese Club, GMMK

**April Carey**

Choir, Bowling Club, Bible Club



**Kassandra Cessna**

Softball, Key Club, CLC, Student Council

**Joseph Collini**

Band, District Band, NHS, Golf, Musical,  
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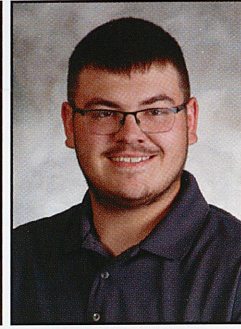
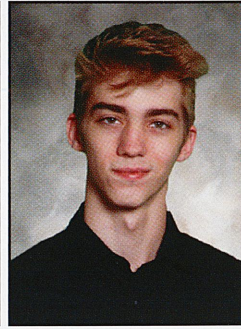
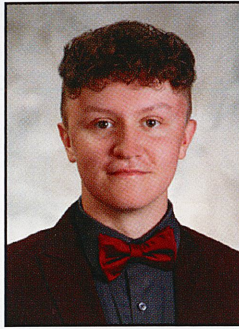
**Dylan Colwell**

**Tyler Conley**

NWCTC Autobody

**Madison Corna**

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**Alexei Cramer**

Hockey, Computer Science Club, Chinese  
Club, History Bowl

**Caitlynn Crawford**

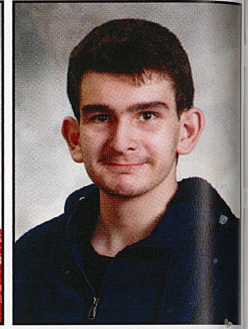
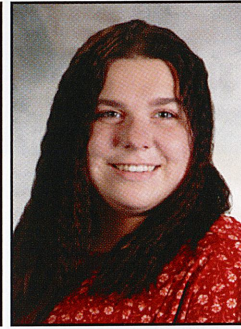
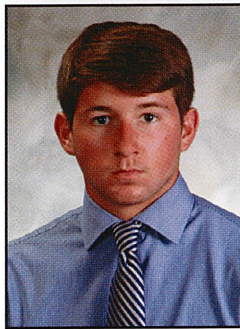
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Key Club, Yearbook, Bowling

**Joseph Daniele**

NWCTC Multimedia



**Kaiya Danovsky**

**Alayna Darley**

Wrestling

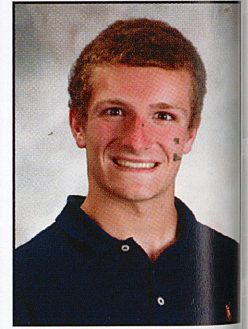
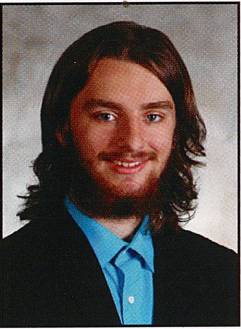
**Zane Davidson**

Swimming, NWCTC Health Occupations

**John Delbene**

NWCTC HVAC

**Anthony Delia**



# holidays

Whether hanging stockings on the mantle, hunting for eggs, carving a pumpkin, lighting off fireworks, stuffing yourself with turkey, or donning your best green duds, holidays provided a well-needed break from the usual routine of school. Seniors commented on some family holiday traditions that they have year after year.



## New Year's

"We usually go over to my grandmothers and eat all of the leftovers from the night before. We do the whole pork and sauerkraut thing. We then sit around and watch football for the day."

Logan McGarry  
(12)



## July 4th

"We like to set off fireworks at our house on the Fourth. Sometimes we get them locally, and sometimes my Dad gets them out of state. We try to outdo our neighbor's arsenal."

Adam Johnson  
(12)



## Halloween

"For Halloween, some of my friends and I dress up in a costume and go out Trick-or-Treating. We've been doing that since I was a little kid. My favorite candy to receive is always Hershey bars."

Joey George  
(12)



## Christmas Eve

"Every Christmas Eve, my family and Kasey Quarles' family from Burrell get together. We typically sit around eating festive foods and playing games for most of the night."

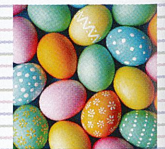
Kayla Prosser  
(12)



## Thanksgiving

"For as long as I can remember, Thanksgiving is always at our house. I'm in charge of making the mashed taters, and we end up watching *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*."

Tyler Yohe (12)



## Easter

"Usually, we wake up early to see what the Easter bunny left for me and my brother. My whole family then comes to my house for a dinner and dessert. We then sit around and talk."

Dylan Matcho  
(12)





Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Creating the holiday spirit...

While hanging the holiday garland, Tori Hogan (12), helps her fellow Student Council friends get the atrium ready for Christmas. "Decorating everything in sight has been my family's tradition as long as I can remember," Hogan said. She enjoyed her first time decking the atrium in red and green.

### Crowded Christmas...

Just prior to the pandemic outbreak, for Christmas in 2019, Katrina Walker (12) celebrates with her large family. "It was chaotic. I met a lot of new family that I didn't know. I also tried ghost pepper hot sauce. It was horrible," Walker said. COVID forced the family to hold a much smaller gathering for Christmas of 2020.

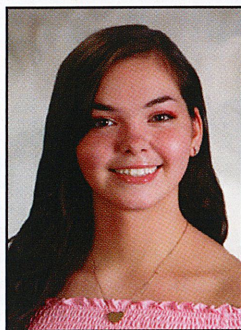
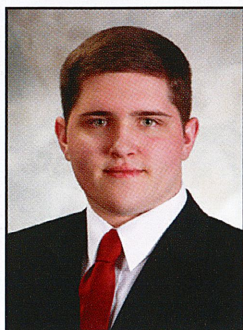


*all-in-the*  
**FAMILY**



### Food, family, and fireworks...

For Fourth of July, Ethan Smith (12) and his family met for a family reunion. "There's always a lot of really good food. I always stuff myself," Smith said. The family has celebrated kinship for at least the last 30 years.



**Kristina DeLuca**  
NWCTC Health Occupations

**Michael Derringer**

**Savannah Detar**  
Cheerleading, Choir

**Madaline Devey**  
Marching Band, Colorguard, Chinese Club, Jazz Band B, Key Club, WIRC, Wind Ensemble, Musical (Pit)

"We really don't have any specific traditions for New Year's Eve, in fact I rarely make it to midnight."

Rebecca Smith  
(12)

Discuss your  
New Year's Eve  
tradition.

"January 1st is my birthday. I go to my uncle and aunt's house and we have a little birthday party with cake. When the ball drops we all say Happy Birthday instead of Happy New Year."

Madison Artman (12)

"My parents and sister and I invite out friends over and we usually have a big party."

Ryan Nauyokas (12)

**SENIORS C-D**

*Holidays*

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*Gary Dilick*

*Jack Dilts*

Football, Wrestling

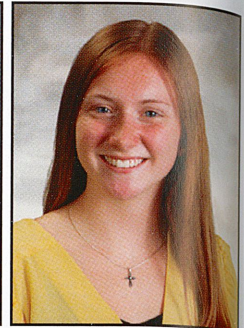
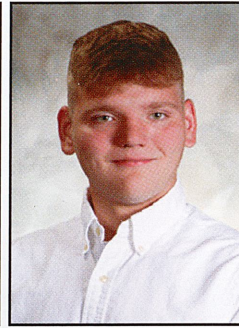
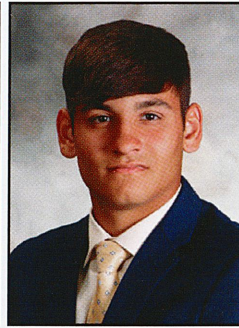
*Francis DiNinno*

Baseball, Basketball, Football, NHS, Key Club

*Zachary DiPippa*

*Taylor Dombrowsky*

Soccer, NHS, Key Club, Active for Animals



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Cross Country, Track

*Larissa Dubac*

Track, Band

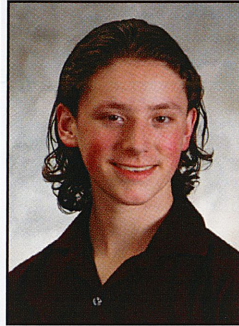
*Aidan Dubas*

Track, Indoor track, Cross Country

*Ethan Dubas*

*Melodie Duncan*

Active for Animals, JROTC



*Michael Ellenberger*

*Kaylee Elwood*

Soccer

*Brooke Endress*

Volleyball, Musical, Active for Animals Club,

Key Club, Track, Choir, Stage Crew, FBLA,

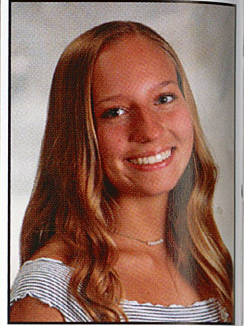
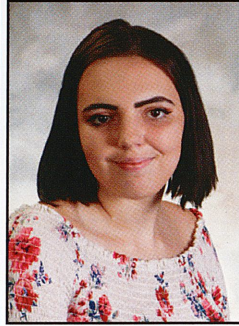
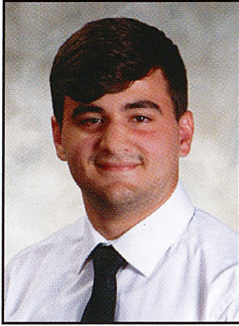
Tech Desk Aide

*Lily Facemyer*

Musical

*Jordan Fairman*

Track, Cross Country



# VARIETY OF *morning* tasks

Students adjust their early day schedule for in-person and online school

Story: R. Fowler (12)

*time to*

**GET UP  
AND  
OUT OF  
BED**

"My dog Rebel will sit at the bottom of my bed and bark every morning until I take her out."  
Zack Townsend (12)

"Silas, my hounddog, will lick me all over until I get up. I don't really mind it that much."

Taylor Rendos (12)

How does your furry friend greet you each morning?

"I have a horse named Dani. When I go to feed her each morning, she runs to me."  
Cameron Walker (12)

Do I get a shower? Do I make breakfast before class, or during the lecture? Do I even get out of bed, or can I reach my Chromebook from here? These represent just some of the questions students faced in the mornings when they stayed at home for virtual instruction.

"My mornings start in bed, then I get dressed and ready and sit down at my desk to complete my school work for the day," Zachary Roden (12) said.

In the mornings at home, some students had a lot on their minds. It became difficult for students to focus only on school, when they had other responsibilities at home.

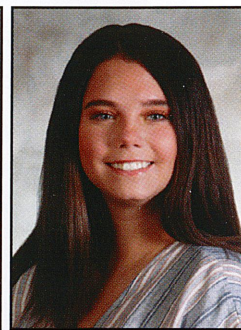
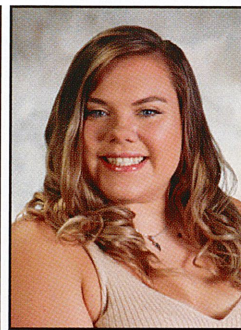
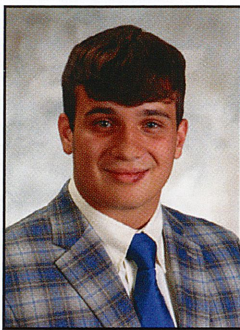
"I get up around 8:30-9:30, do school work while I do my laundry, chores, clean my room and car, and shower. I usually work through lunch so I can be done by 2:00 and

have a few hours to relax before work," Lexus Hale (12) said.

Although student's mornings turned out to be vastly different than years past, many enjoyed the lack of structure and freedoms it brought.

"I wake up a lot later than I used to, though I will admit I appreciate the delay. I usually check on what I have to do, then get a shower and go about my day. I usually sit in my room or sit out in the living room if I need a change of pace," Carmine Mascarello (12) said.





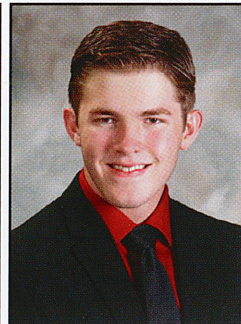
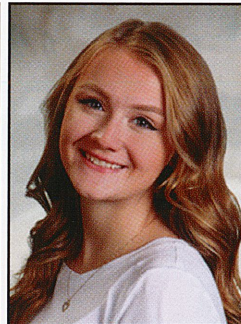
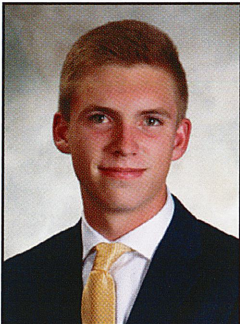
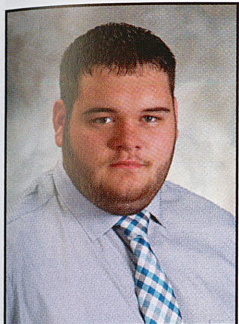
**Paige Faulk**  
Student Council, Key Club, Wrestling  
Manager, Office Aide, Tech Desk Aide,  
Yearbook

**Adam Ferraccio**  
Football

**Sabrina Ferraccio**  
Key Club, Student Council

**Teresa Filo**  
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**Alyssa Finney**  
NHS, Key Club, Student Council, Yearbook,  
Cheerleading, Musical, Office Aide, Choir



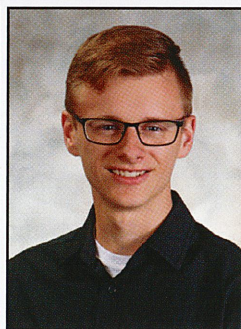
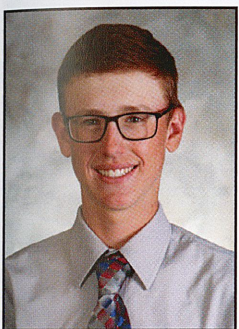
**Noah Fitch**

**Jacob Folaron**  
Cross Country, Track, Choir

**Rebekah Fowler**  
Volleyball, NHS, Student Council, Key Club,  
Yearbook, Math Team, Musical, Spanish  
Club, Best Buddies, Choir, Class Officer, CLC,  
SHOUT, Quiz Team, KA Veterans' Website,  
Tech Desk Aide

**Alyssa Fry**  
Softball, Student Council

**Zachary Fry**  
Key Club, Spanish Club, Math Team, Social  
Studies Club, Class Officers



**Seth Frye**  
Marching Band

**Edward Fuhrer**  
Academic Quiz Team, Yearbook, Choir

**Brianna Gagen**

**Joseph George**  
Cross Country, Track, Musical, Marching  
Band, Math Team, Cavalier Singers

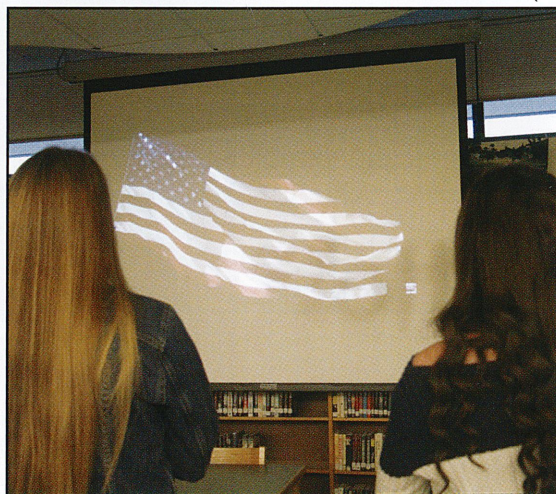
"Coffee... however,  
it depends on the  
season. I drink  
iced coffee in the  
summer and hot  
coffee in the winter.  
I drink at least two  
cups a day."

*Rachel Helsel (12)*

Photo: B. Hamilton (12)



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



"I love my hot  
chocolate in the  
morning, because  
it is way better  
than coffee or tea."

*Hayley Kerfoot  
(12)*

### Magic mirror...

On a snowy December 14 morning, Bailey Hamilton (12) makes last minute adjustments to her hair before heading out the door. "My curling wand is my best friend in the morning," Hamilton said. While Hamilton's wand has lasted four years and shuts off on its own, she refused to replace it.

### 13 year routine...

To start the day, Olivia Blankenship (12) and Hanna Zidek (12) recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Blankenship said, "It is a nice unifying moment for all of us to start the day." Zidek said, "I feel like I have known the Pledge my entire life, but I don't remember how and when I learned it." Both Blankenship and Zidek appreciated having Resource to start their day in order to finish up any homework they did not complete the night before.

"I'm known to  
have a Mountain  
Dew every once  
in awhile. I've  
never really been a  
coffee drinker."

*Seth Frye (12)*

What morning  
beverage wakes  
you up each day?

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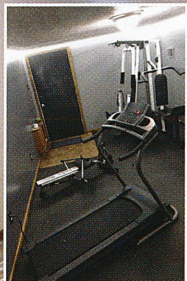
*Mornings*

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### Work out...

Along with his mom and step dad, Zack Townsend renovated his basement into a personal gym. "It took a while to get the weight machine. We had to take it apart and carry it up some steps out of this lady's basement and through this narrow hallway. It was hot and humid and miserable," Townsend said. The majority of the work took two or three days.



Photos: Z. Townsend (12)

### Work in progress...

At Colton Ripper's (12) house in Hyde Park, Nick Hughes investigates the seat belts in a 1972 Plymouth Duster. Ripper said, "I got the car in Allegheny Township from one of my Dad's friends. We actually traded parts for the car. I hope to completely restore it, drive it for as long as I can, and keep it forever." Doing most of the work himself, Ripper hoped to complete the project for under \$3000.



Photo: C. Ripper (12)

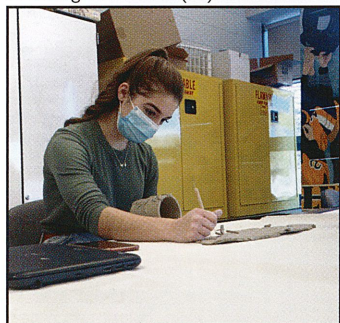
# HOBBLIES

## *add spice to lockdown*

Seniors engage in activities to pass time

Story: C. Mascarello (12)

Featuring: L. Mamros (12)



With more time spent inside and engaging with ourselves instead of others, many bored students took to busying themselves with their hobbies and found what motivated them to create. These hobbies may have originated before now, but the past months provided time to perfect the crafts.

"My passion for animation started at a young age and processed into my schooling. I loved making my own characters and bringing them to life on paper. All you need to animate

is paper and pencil. However, I prefer to use a free drawing program and a touch pen," Anne Maga (12) said.

Many produced content for themselves to enjoy, happily using what they had in the house. Lots of hobbies did not need special supplies, and easy access allowed those who got inspired to finally try out things they had seen, but never got the chance to start.

"A lot of the ingredients needed can be found around the kitchen such as spices. I've

been inspired to give homemade products as birthday or holiday gifts by the idea of DIY gifting," Autumn Ashbaugh (12) said.

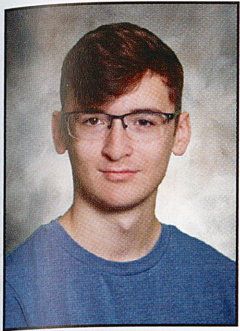
Despite times of isolation and limited contact, hobbies allowed students a creative outlet to express feelings. Students prioritized schoolwork. However, they also made sure to set aside time for activities that made them happy.



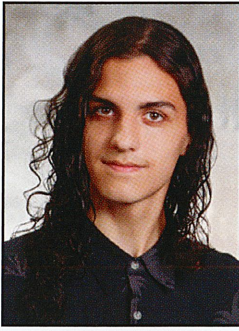
# grounded quote

"If you're brave enough to start, you're strong enough to finish."

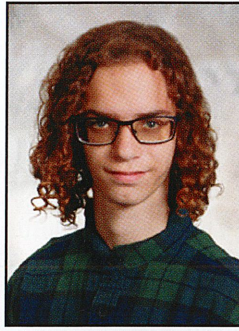
*Christopher Miller (12)*



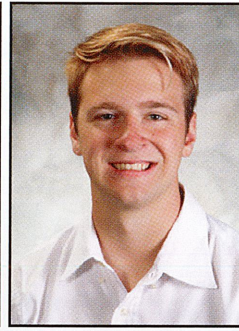
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Marching Band, Ski Club



**Dakota Gold**  
Track, Cross Country, Chinese Club



**Kaelin Gold**  
Track, Cross Country



**Ryan Gould**  
Swimming, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble



**Mallory Gourley**  
Marching Band, Jazz Band, WIRC



**Brianna Gray**  
Musical, Fall Drama, Choir



**Nicole Gross**  
Tennis, Musical, Student Council, Key Club, Environmental Club, GMK, Choir



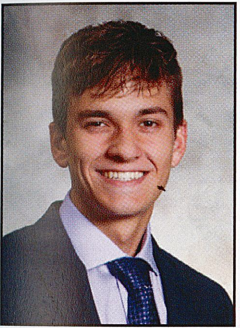
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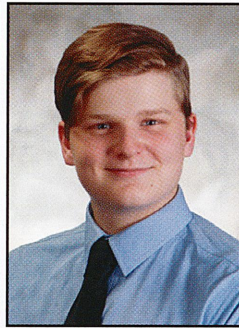
**Mason Hall**



**Bailey Hamilton**  
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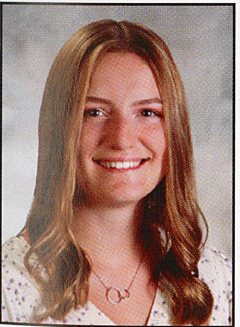
**Olivia Hansen**  
Cheerleading, Key Club, Bible Club, Environmental Club, Stage Crew, Treble Ensemble



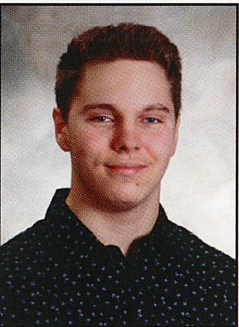
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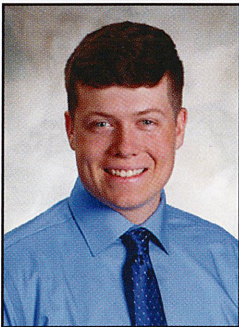
**Rosa Heath**  
Chinese Club, Drama Club, Spring Musical, Key Club, WIRC



**Rachel Helsel**  
Key Club, Yearbook, NHS, Marching Band, Winterguard



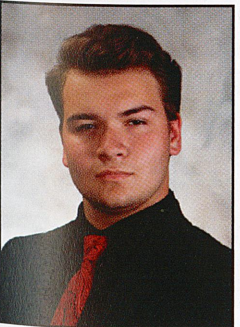
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**Evan Hileman**  
Hockey, Golf, Key Club



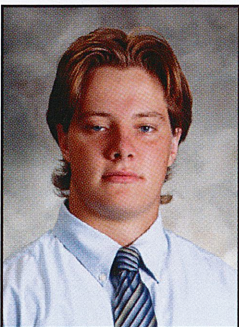
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Basketball, Key Club, Chorus, Volleyball



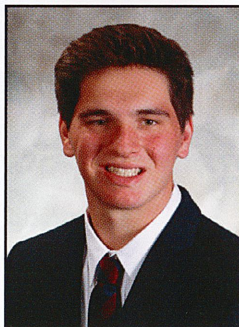
**Brice Hocolock**



**Victoria Hogan**  
Mock Trial, Musical, Fall Drama, Show Choir, Symphonic Voices, Math Team, Yearbook, GMK, Key Club, CAVs SLAM Club, Best Buddies, Library Aide, Swimming, FACS Club



**Zachary Horwatt**



**Adam Johnson**  
Soccer, Tennis

"For Youth Day my section went to Northmoreland Park to prepare an area for a playground to be installed."

*Autumn Ashbaugh (12)*

Discuss a building accomplishment.

"When I was in gifted, me and one of my friends in the program had to make a giant marble obstacle course. This was something that took absolutely forever to do, and we were only given limited time each week."

*Carmine Mascarello (12)*

"I've helped build all of the sets for the school's dramas and musicals since I've been in the high school, but the most intricate was probably *Clue*."

*Rome Oliver (12)*

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*Home Projects*

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# STUDYING in the snow

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"I was really excited when I would find out that we had a snow day because I could sleep in and then play in the snow."

Hayley Kerfoot  
(12)

## Transition to online learning puts snow days in jeopardy

Submitted: K. Wolverton (par)



When students braced for some of the greatest snowfall they have seen in years, the school called all families to inform them that, instead of a snow day, the following day would consist of all remote learning. Although that day was a first for our school, many schools in the area actually transitioned or began the transition to remote instruction days, as opposed to snow days, before 2020. However, with a greater push for the expansion of online learning capabilities, these days found themselves much more common across the area as opposed to snow days.

"I'm personally not a fan of it," Brandon Whitesell (12) said. "To me, forcing us to be on a computer for seven hours whenever it is unnecessary should be considered a

form of torture."

While flexible instruction days might have seemed harsh at first, some students saw the benefits of online learning in place of a day off.

"I have mixed feelings about it," Evan Hileman (12) said. "I liked having snow days like we used to where we didn't have to do work. But at the same time, I like not missing the day of school and having to make it up."

Seeing the snow as an opportunity to help his neighbors, Cameron Wolverton said, "When I see the snow falling, I know it is time to get the snow blower out and help my neighbors clear their sidewalks."

While online learning stayed a fixture of Wednesdays, Dr. Roland alerted in-person students through his weekly communications to stay flexible to any changes that happened to the schedule, including inclement weather that changed in-person days to remote instruction days.

Douglas Johnson  
Fall Drama, Tech Desk Aide

Jennifer Johnson

Jake Karns

Ski Club, NHS, Football

Hayley Kerfoot

NHS, Bible Club, Marching Band, Mock Trial

Lexi Kiehl

Dance Team

Abigail King

NHS, Key Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, Softball, Golf, Wrestling Manager

Nicholas Krason

Aneeka Laney

Aubrey Large

Isabella Law

Amberly Leatherwood

NWCTC Cosmetology

Vinny Leone

NWCTC Advanced Manufacturing

Tiffany Levandoski

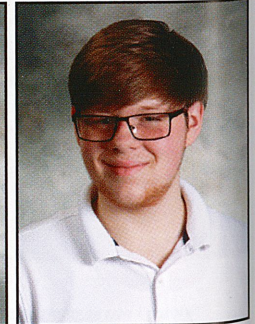
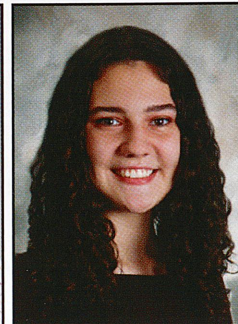
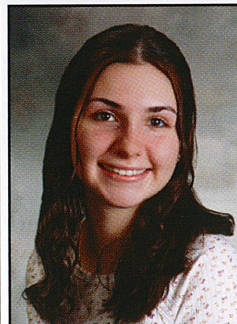
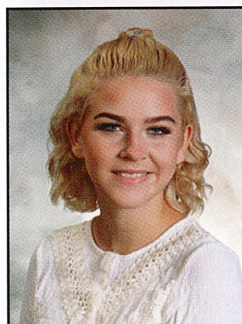
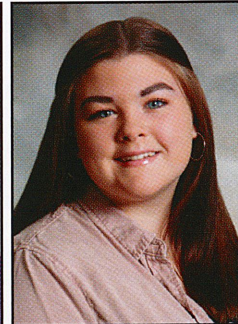
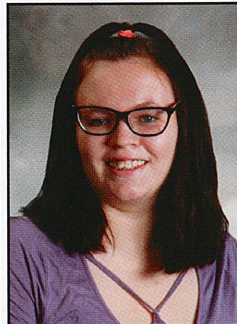
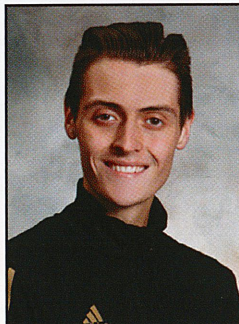
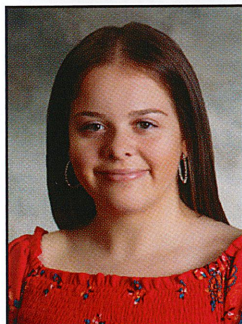
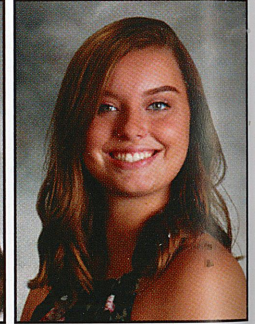
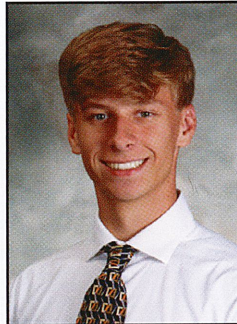
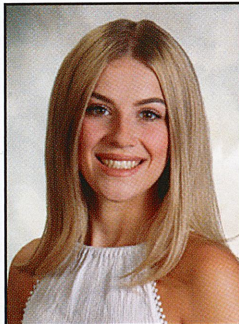
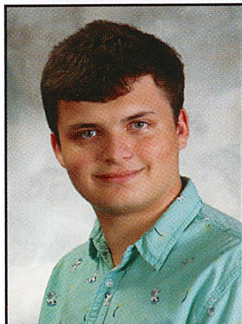
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Sierra Linhart

Soccer, Key Club, Choir, FBLA, Active for Animals, Stage Crew, Yearbook

Skyler Locchetta

NWCTC Welding







Submitted: E. Schrag (12)

### Fluffy, flaky, fun...

As Emily Schrag (12) and Zach Jordan (11) recreate their snow picture from Snowmageddon in February 2010, they recollect the fun that snow brings. Schrag said, "Zach and I were trying to help our parents clear the sidewalks back then. We thought we'd remake the picture, but leave out the shoveling part." Schrag and Jordan enjoyed the opportunity to play in the snow, especially since the December 2020 snow totals topped the February 2010 snow amount.

## Do you want to build a snowman?

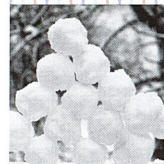


What snow day activity do you enjoy most?

### Building Snowmen

"I like to make snowmen in the yard. We generally use carrots, a scarf, and stones that we find."

Alexis Caldwell (12)



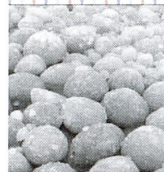
"I don't mind clearing the driveway with a shovel. But if I could use something else, I would definitely like to use a Boring Company Not-A-Flamethrower."

Neo Alberti (12)

### Snowball Fight

"I have a big lower-yard that my cousins, friends, and I would gather in and have some good snowball fights."

Zach Fry (12)



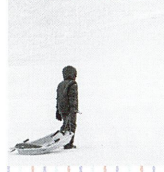
"Shoveling can be tiring and makes me sweat, but it is good exercise. I don't mind shoveling, but I'm not good at it."

Lidija Willis (12)

### Ice Ball Fight

"My brother got me good. It split my forehead wide open."

Evan Hileman (12)



### Sled Riding

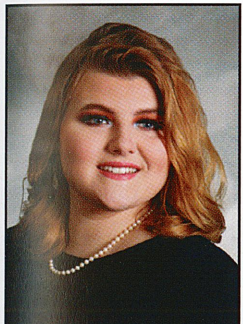
"My yard has a bunch of big hills, so it is convenient to go ride them when we get the right kind of snow."

Sam Wigton (12)

"Shoveling takes a long time and makes your hands really cold. I'd rather plow it because if you use a snow blower, all the snow will come up and hit you in the face."

Danielle Tuttle (12)

Discuss your snow removal method.



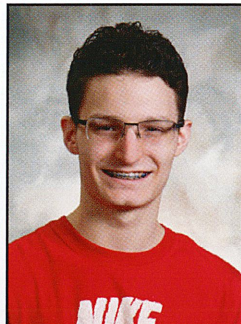
Olivia Long

Social Studies Club, Marching Band



Anne Maga

NWCTC Multimedia, Band



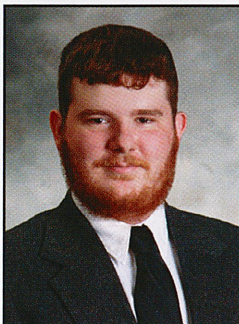
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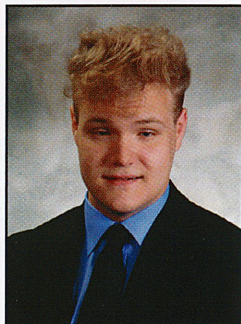
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Ty Mangus

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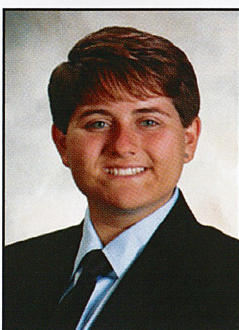


Chance Martin



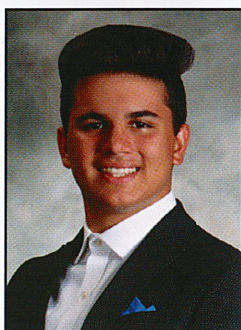
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Swimming, NWCTC Culinary Arts



Carmine Mascarello

Quiz Team, Choir, Bowling, GMK, GSA, Yearbook



Christopher Massari

Golf

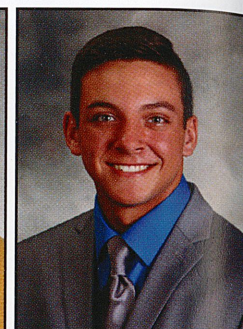
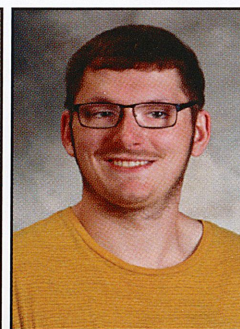
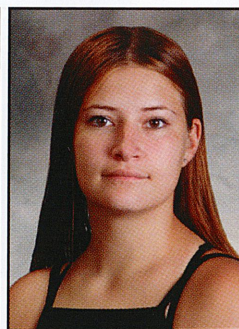
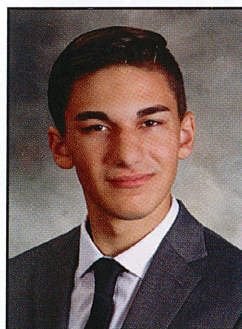
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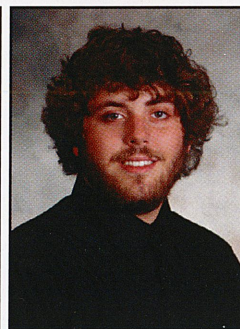
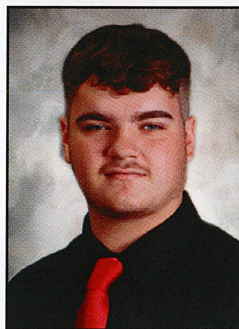
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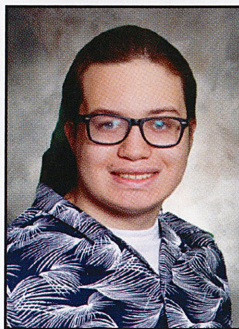
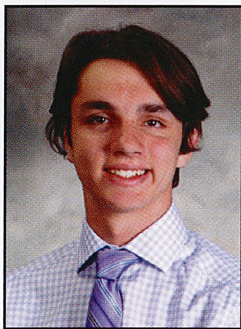
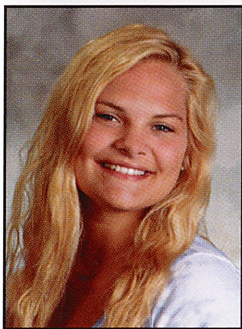
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*Logan McGarry*  
Baseball, Golf, Choir



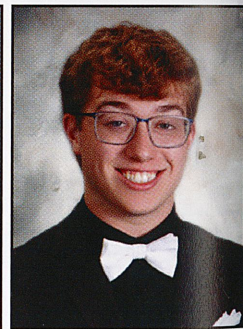
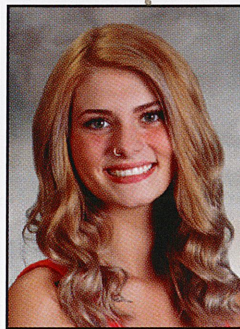
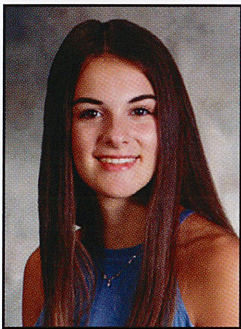
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*Valerie McMullen*  
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*Corey McMunn*  
NWCTC Welding  
*Cayden Miller*  
NWCTC Advanced Manufacturing  
*Christopher Miller*



*Alayna Mintz*  
Softball, Student Council, Key Club  
*Bryson Mohnney*  
Golf, Tennis  
*Andre Mullooly*  
*James Mundy*  
Tennis  
*Cierra Mydock*  
Colorguard, Marching Band, Yearbook, Key Club, Bowling, Golf, NHS



*Ryan Nauyokas*  
Soccer, Band, NHS, Key Club, WIRC, Active for Animals  
*Britain Nelson*  
Track  
*Isabella Nolf*  
Chinese Club  
*Julianna Ober*  
NWCTC Health Occupations, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Spring Track, Swimming, JROTC, Mock Trial  
*Rome Oliver*  
NHS, Fall Drama Stage Crew, Musical Stage Crew



## Avonmore?



### Play

Nestled in the northeast corner of the district and the furthest town from the high school, students who lived in Avonmore have for ages had the longest busride—actually for nearly 60 years.

Still, Avonmore had its charm. It had heritage. It had tradition, history, and promise. Perhaps that's why Matt Damon came there to film his 2012 film *Promised Land*. Still, students who lived in the town knew what made it so special.

"I have lived there my whole life. It is a nice town with all of my friends near and we could go play in the park in town."

*Sarah Reidell*  
(12)

### Explore

"There are a lot of places in town in a small area. It's fun to walk around and it's a good town to explore."

*Christian Stiffey*  
(12)

### Nature

"A positive living near Avonmore is that it's not a busy area and it is full of nature."

*Morgan Perry*  
(12)

### Hike

"It is great to live so close to the woods so that I can go off on a hike whenever I feel like it."

*Alexei Cramer*  
(12)

### Be good

"I only lived there a couple of years, but I was able to avoid getting in any trouble there."

*Rebecca Smith*  
(12)

### Park

"There's a nice park that a lot of kids go to and I used to go to when I was younger."

*Matthew Price*  
(12)





Photo: A. Cramer (12)



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Tunnel to history..

In the park where people can launch their kayaks exists a tunnel near Avonmore. Alexei Cramer (12) said, "Built in the 1800s for the steel mill, trains would have to pass through this tunnel to get to the foundry. You can walk through the tunnel to get to the other end, which is flooded." Cramer reported that one might come out a mess due to the black sand (coal powder) in the tunnel.

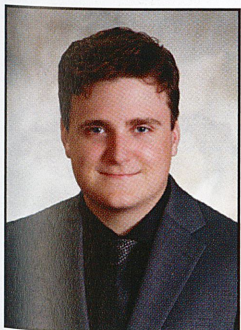
### More Avonmore..

As Mr. Swanson (fac) looks for interesting pictures of Avonmore, he notices this sign in front of the playground. Mr. Swanson said, "It was cold the day that I walked through town getting pictures of the scenery. I can only imagine how alive the town was when the steel mill was still open." Akers National Roll permanently closed the plant in September of 2019.

## grounded quote

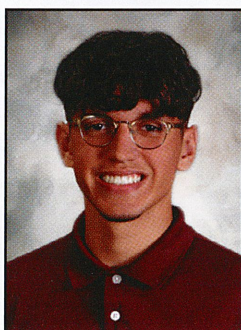
"What I find really cool about Avonmore is there is an old train tunnel at the end of a trail in the middle of the woods."

*Autumn Ashbaugh (12)*



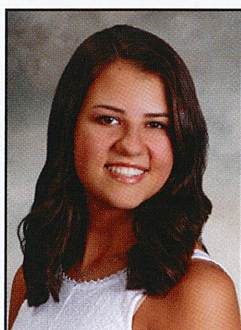
*Dylan Packer*

NWCTC Networking & Cybersecurity



*Nathan Pastor*

Basketball, Football



*Lauren Paullet*



*Morgan Perry*

Choir, Library Aide

"I did not choose to be online 100% myself. But it is very challenging but kind of good being a senior and having to set my own goals and no time for procrastination."

*Keira Lovely (12)*

What was your main reason for selecting the 100% online method of instruction?

"My main reasoning for selecting the 100% online method of instruction was because school was going to be very different, and I wanted to go to school normal and be with all my friends."

*Cierra Mydock (12)*

"My main reason was because I have a child to take care of and a job. My child is my top priority and I want to protect her from COVID."

*Aneeka Laney (12)*

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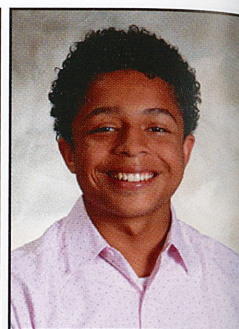
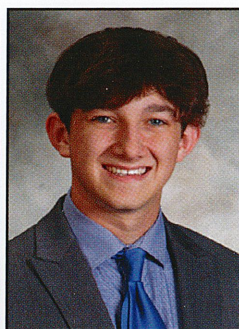
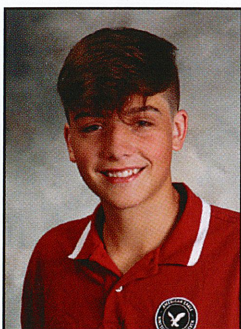
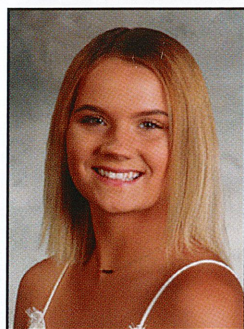
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Social Studies Club, Key Club, Dance Team

*Aiden Petrella*

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Hockey, Golf

*Alistair Polk*  
NHS, Student Council, Soccer, Track, Tennis,  
NWCTC Networking & Cybersecurity



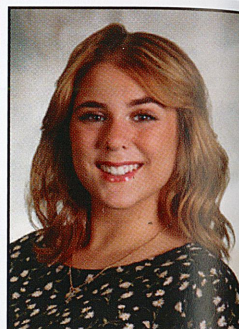
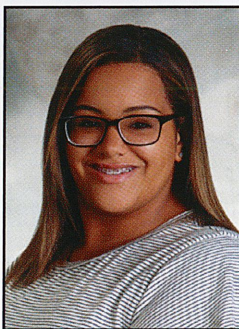
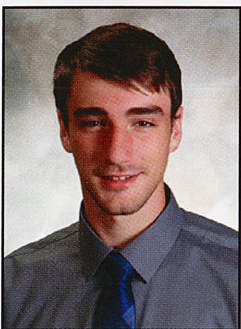
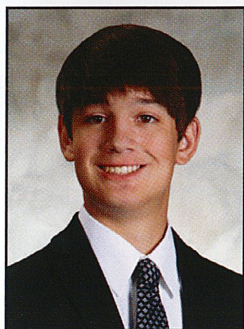
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Baseball, Basketball, Choir

*Matthew Price*  
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*Courtney Rainey*  
Student Council, Choir, Key Club

*Olivia Rapacchietta*  
Cheerleading, Key Club



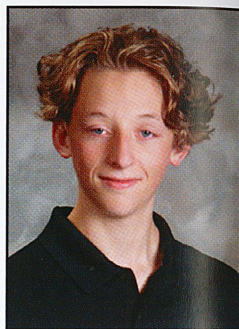
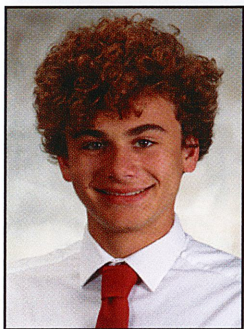
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Hockey

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Basketball, NWCTC Cosmetology

*Sarah Reidell*

*Allyson Reiner*  
Bible Club, WIRC, NHS, Marching Band,  
CAVs Slam Club, Spanish Club

*Tylor Rendos*  
NWCTC Auto Mechanics



# FAITH GROWS amid pandemic

Seniors discuss how faith connects them with world outside their homes

Story: A. Reiner (12)

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"My mom encouraged me to leave the organ donor option blank because she wants the ability to make the decision at the end."

Logan McGarry (12)

"My sister, Macy, has always been there for me and we have each other's backs."

Eliam Booker (12)

Who do you trust with your life?

"My brother Zachary is my closest sibling in age and he's always reliable whenever I need help."

Joseph George (12)

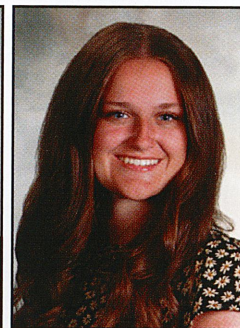
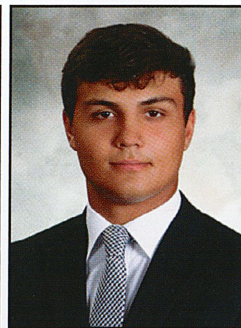
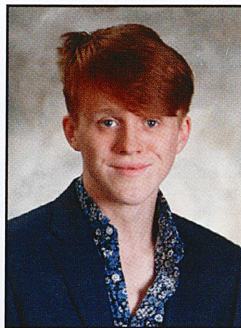
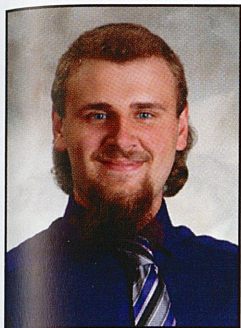
With the COVID-19 shutdown and lack of places to go, many seniors dove into their faith or rediscovered it. Questions arose as to how long the pandemic would last and what actions could occur to stop it from spreading, but many seniors continued to trust in Christ and remain faithful. "Reading God's word and focusing on Him gave me renewed peace and comfort through all that was going on," said Cecilia Brennan (12).

As churches have slowly opened up, youth groups have reconnected and spent time together. These groups have allowed seniors to grow spiritually and learn more about their religion. Many youth groups held outings, parties, retreats, summer camps, or all-nighters. "My youth group often met up at Chick-Fil-A to have trunk

parties in the parking lot. We would get food and hang out," said Ali Skelly (12).

Multiple ways existed for teens to connect and form friendships. Together, many seniors have found a passion for sharing the word of the Bible with others. Others have explored the field of missions or the profession of preaching. Within religion, many jobs allow for the exploration of faith, trust, and love. Needless to say, many seniors have grown in their relationship with Christ and also as individuals.





**Colton Ripper**

NWCTC Autobody

**Zachary Roden**

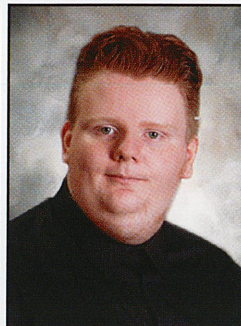
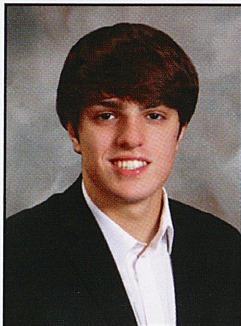
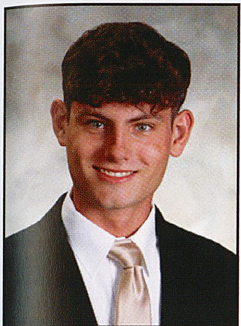
Choir, Fall Drama, Musical,  
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**David Sames**

Football, CLC, Math Team

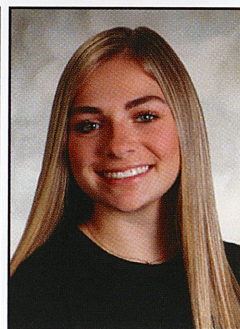
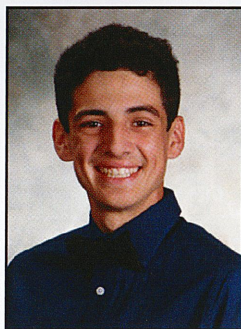
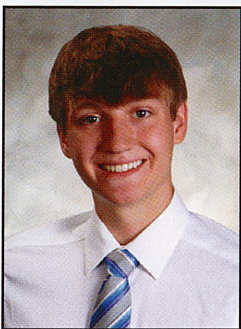
**Giovanni Scampone**

Basketball, Hockey

**Douglas Schmidt**

**Schrag, Emily**

Soccer, Track, Indoor Track, Key Club, NHS,  
CLC, Chorus



**Erin Sciuillo**

NHS, Key Club, Bible Club, CAVs Slam Club,  
Stage Crew, Active for Animals

**Lewis Seba**

Cross Country, Track

**Yuner Sesmas**

Cross Country, Track, Choir, Chinese Club

**Rylee Sgourakis**

Student Council, Key Club

"Galatians 2:20. 'I  
have been  
crucified with  
Christ and I no  
longer live, but  
Christ lives in me.  
The life I now live  
in the body, I live  
by faith in the  
Son of God, who  
loved me and gave  
himself for me.'"

Taylor  
Dombrowsky (12)

Submitted: T. Dombrowsky (12)

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### Youth connection...

As Taylor Dombrowsky (12) contemplates her next move in Giant Connect 4, she hopes to claim victory in the match. Dombrowsky said, "We usually play games before our pastor goes over the message for the night." Dombrowsky admitted that the games they play at North Apollo Church of God get competitive, but aid in the youth group bonding.

### Prayful players...

While in the locker room during pregame, Coach Sam Albert leads the football team reciting the Lord's Prayer. Eliam Booker (12) said, "We've been doing this all my years here with Coach Albert. It is a great bonding moment and helps us to get focused for the game." Booker belonged to the Hyde Park Church of Christ his entire life.

"1 Thessalonians  
5:10. 'He died for  
us so that, whether  
we are awake or  
asleep, we may  
live together with  
him.'"

Ally Reiner (12)

"Romans 8:18. 'I  
consider that our  
present sufferings  
are not worth  
comparing with the  
glory that will be  
revealed in us.'"

Lauren Poullet (12)

What Bible verse  
do you have on  
your Instagram?

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*Have Faith*

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### Library songs...

With all of her work done in her freshman Resource, Morgan Reed (12) takes a selfie with her iPhone. Reed said, "I was having fun doing a Music.ly of 'Why' by Sabrina Carpenter." Reed enjoyed relaxing during her resource period after she completed her homework.

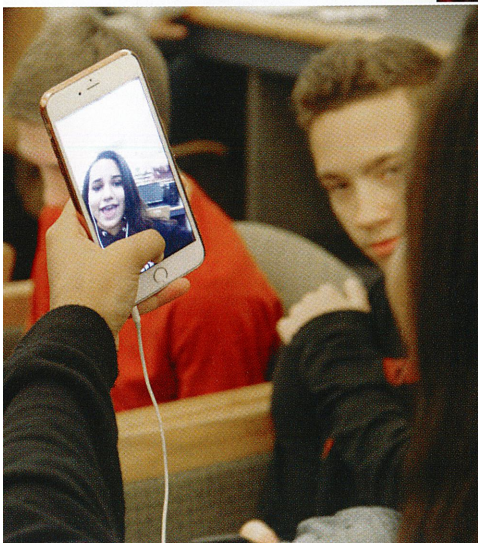


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Play it loud...

While playing the mellophone at a rally during his freshman year, Jacob Borden (12) performs the fight song, "This is by far the coolest instrument," Borden said. His senior year, Borden still participated in band and also took Music Theory.



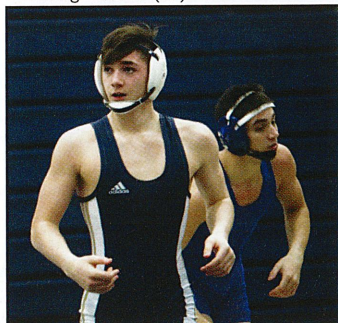
Photo: L. Scutt (2019 grad)

# HINDSIGHT *is 2020*

Story: E. Smith (12)

Seniors reminisce about last four years

Featuring: S. Starr (12)



Figuring out one's self and where one's interests lie represents a big part of the high school experience. The type of people freshmen start as versus who they end up as when they graduate can change drastically. Someone might change who they choose to hang out with, what music they listen to, what hobbies they are involved in, or what clothes they wear. The list goes on and on. High school acts as a great time to experiment with these things, since it is such a small part of one's life.

However, lots of people wish they could get another chance because they feel that they did not take full advantage of the opportunity given.

When asked if there was anything he would do differently if given a chance to go back through high school, Samuel Starr (12) said, "Yeah. I definitely would have hung out with my friends more during my junior year, and I would have enjoyed the time I was able to be in school more because a lot of the time spent here and with

those people was lost due to COVID-19."

On the other hand, when asked the same question Mike Shoemaker (12) said, "No. I feel like everything I have done has led me to where I am, and I don't want any of that to change. I like where I'm at."

Grades nine through twelve can represent what one makes of it. Even if everything does not end up in a positive light, the memory of the experiences from high school will last a lifetime.

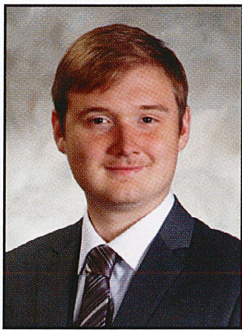


"I remember being in ninth grade for the first day of high school where my sister went. What stood out was coming to the school for a tour of the building."

Melodie Duncan (12)



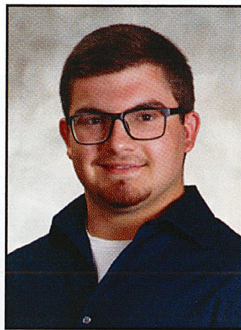
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Chinese Club



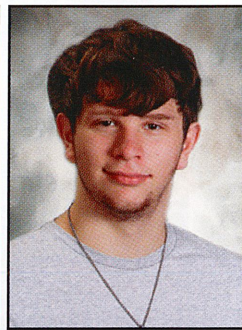
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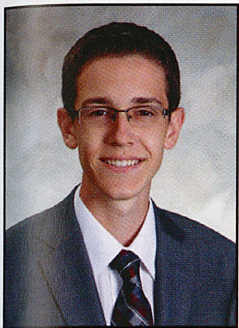
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Band



**Michael Shoemaker**  
Baseball, Key Club, Golf



**Brendan Shondelmyer**  
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**Sierra Simoni**  
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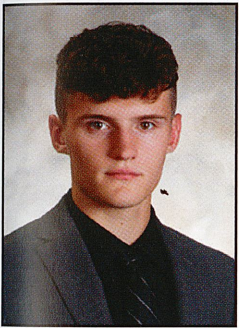
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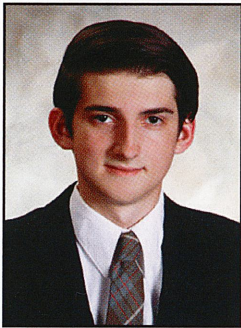
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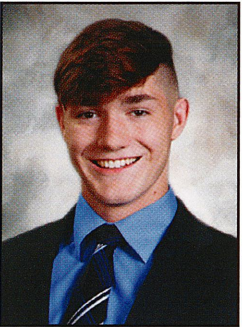
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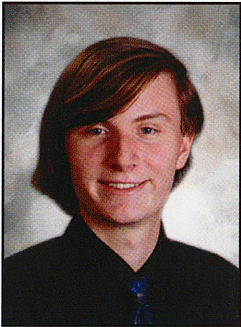
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Tennis, Key Club, Choir



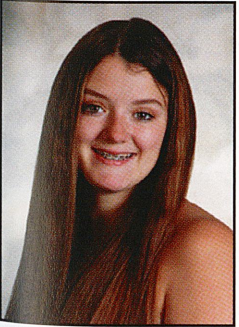
**Samuel Starr**  
Wrestling, CLC Club President, NHS,  
Key Club, Track



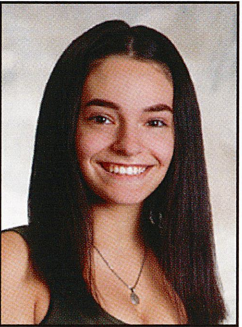
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Drama Club



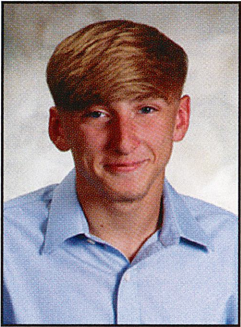
**Josephina Switzer**  
Cheerleading



**Abigail Talmage**



**Dustin Taylor**  
NWCTC Autobody



**Anthony Tedesco**  
Soccer, NWCTC Autobody

"The memory that stands out the most for me when I think about my first days of school is 5th grade when I couldn't see over someone's head and I told the teacher that I couldn't see so she made me sit next to the person instead and now she is one of my best friends."

Hannah Crosby  
(12)

What event on a first day of school stands out as the most memorable?

"The first day of my ninth grade year... coming to the high school and getting to be with all the 'older' kids."

Joseph Collini (12)

"I think the most memorable thing about the first days of school are my first impressions of teachers. The earliest I can remember of my first impressions was probably seventh grade."

Olivia Long (12)

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If I Only Knew

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# LET ME IN... won't you?

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## grounded quote

"It takes a while and a bit of effort to know me. I don't tear my walls down for just anybody."

*Matt Price (12)*

## Seniors discuss protective walls



With 1138 students at the school, personalities sometimes meshed, and sometimes they did not. In the latter case, students often put up walls to protect themselves.

Tyler Yohe (12) said, "I get along with people pretty well. Still, it seems like nobody takes the time to really see who I am. I've had some unpleasant experiences in my life which probably contributed to that, but even though I put up walls sometimes, I'm willing to tear them down for the right person."

Another student didn't seem so willing to open himself up to just anyone.

Dylan Packer (12) said, "I like to keep to myself and mind my own

business most of the time. Sure, I have a group of friends that I trust. However, it definitely takes a while for them to earn it. My walls are similar to that of a castle. I do open the drawbridge from time to time."

One student displayed a more sunny outlook on life.

Kayla Prosser (12) said, "I don't build walls; I build bridges. I'm the nicest and warmest person that I know. I don't even have to try hard at that. It just comes naturally to me. I always do my best to be open and friendly to people, especially when I don't even know them. As a personal shopper for Walmart, it's a very important aspect of my job to greet people with kindness and care. You should never pass up a chance to make someone's day."

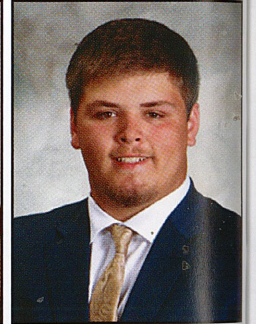
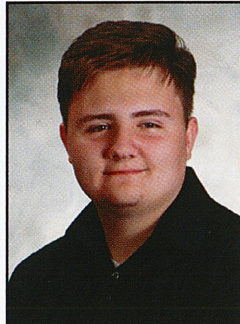
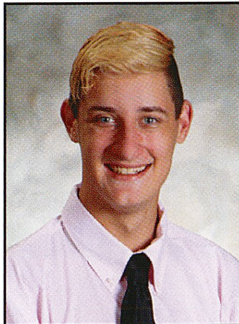
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NWCTC Culinary Arts

*Zackary Townsend*  
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*Danielle Tuttle*  
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*Isabella Valore*  
Key Club, Active for Animals, Stage Crew

*Tyler Veselicky*  
Track, Mock Trial



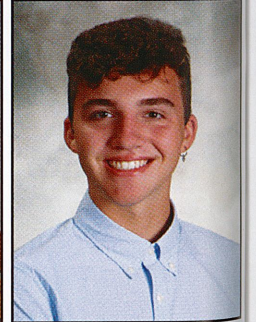
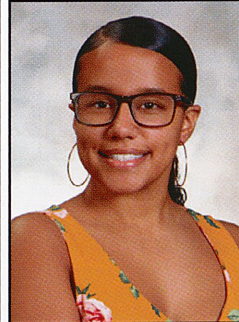
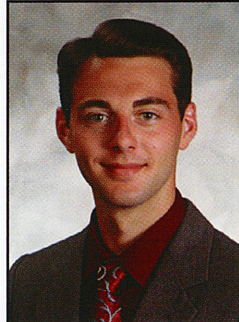
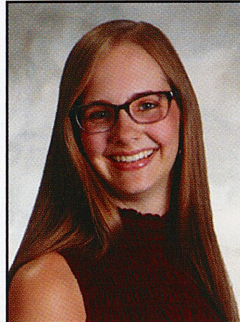
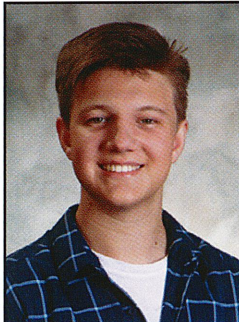
*Tyler Vigna*  
Track, Math Team, Quiz Team, French Club, Computer Science Club

*Maya Volpe*  
NHS, Band, Marching Band, Chinese Club, Best Buddies

*Cameron Walker*  
NHS, Marching Band

*Katrina Walker*  
NWCTC Health Occupations

*Garrison Wehrle*  
Environmental Club, Key Club, Envirothon, Yearbook



*Ethan Weightman*  
Computer Science Club, FBIA, NHS

*Kyle Weiser*  
Baseball

*Ethan Wells*  
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*Brandon Whitesell*

*Samuel Wigton*  
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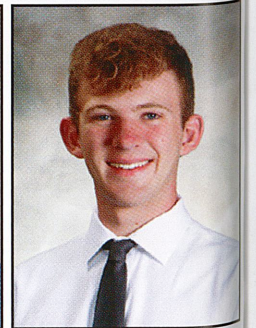
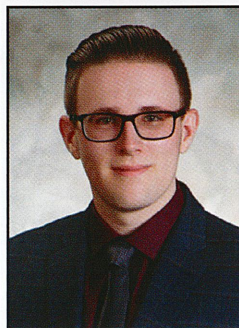
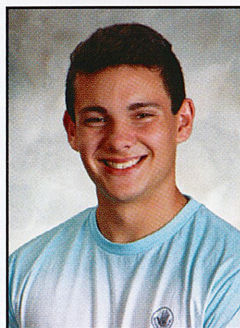
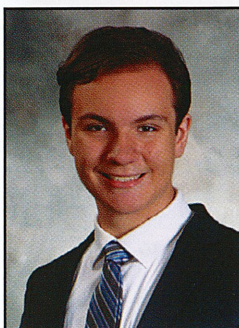






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Tyler Hainan  
Ethan Hawley  
Eric Hays

Courtney Hughes  
Grace Irwin  
Ezekiel Keitzer  
Donovan Lambert  
Nicholas Lang  
Mila Lee  
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Keira Lovely  
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Jordan Nesbitt  
Nicholas Ponteri

Kacie Porter  
Zachary Powers  
Blake Pratt  
Patrick Ross  
Jessica Salemmme  
Jalen Sidwell  
Dustin Sparks  
Colton Steele  
Rafaelina Strellec  
Jenna Stull  
Karleena Tallerico  
Catherine Van Horn  
Carter Wesner

### Spirit guide...

The green tapestry on Caitlyn Alexander's (12) wall lived her bedroom. "The design makes me feel grounded," Alexander said. She bought the tapestry from a flea market at Kunkle Park about two years ago.

## You posted those posters on your walls

Seniors show posters that they've had in their bedrooms.

"My favorite poster is my Krimson Guard poster from the old Jak and Daxter games. What I really like about this poster is that it's from a game that my siblings and I grew up on." *Autumn Ashbaugh (12)*



"'The Wall' is one of the best albums ever made. Everyone should listen to it and concentrate on its composition. The storytelling about Pink, the jaded Rockstar, weaved with the music is an amazing music masterpiece."

*Anthony Delia (12)*

### Lidija Willis

GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance),  
Math Team

### Alexis Wilson

Track, Choir, Student Council, CLC,  
Key Club

### Colin Wilson

### Mya Wilson

NWCTC Health Occupations

### Aidan Wilwohl

Basketball

### Cameron Wolverton

NWCTC Welding

"Since moving, I don't have all my posters up like I used to, but I have this one canvas of Spiderman. It's so cool because it is like a comic book."

*Madalynn Byers (12)*



"'The Wall' is one of the most iconic rock albums of all time. I think it really is the best album Pink Floyd ever made."

*Ethan Weightman (12)*

### Samantha Worthing

Basketball

### Tyler Yohe

Ski Club

### Chloe Young

Art Club, Independent Art

"This isn't a poster, but my best friend painted this for me for Christmas because she knew how much I love Marvel. She lives in Florida, and I miss her so much."

*Ally Reiner (12)*



"I thought 'The Wall' was pretty good. Pink Floyd had a few good hit songs but isn't my favorite classic rock band. Hair band rock was the greatest of its time. It's all I ever listen to, whether it's Def Leppard, Mötley Crüe, AC/DC, or the Red Hot Chili Peppers."

*Colton Ripper (12)*

Discuss your  
thoughts about  
Pink Floyd's iconic  
album "The Wall."

SENIORS T-Z

Walls

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# WHAT TO have for dinner?

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## grounded quote

"The meal my mom makes the most is nachos and my favorite topping is the lettuce."

*Bella Uskuraitis*  
(11)

Junior siblings keep household fed, moving forward



Certainly, the impacts of COVID have become a nationwide dilemma. Still, for local families with parents working long hours, juniors had to step it up at home to just survive.

At her Vandergrift home, Nyasia Chambers (11) had to chip in often with meals. With her mom working late hours at Allegheny Valley Hospital, Chambers sometimes made dinner for her four younger siblings.

"I have to make something that everyone will eat. That usually amounts to either spaghetti or Hamburger Helper. You have to have garlic bread with spaghetti," Chambers said. "Mom works night shifts all the time, usually 12 hours. She leaves around six every evening and doesn't return until around 7:30 AM. The triplets are eight-years old, and my brother is nine.

It's sometimes a hassle getting them all in bed."

Also living in Vandergrift, Julian Barr (11) spent lots of time at the stove.

"I'm pretty lucky because my sister and brother will eat anything that I make for them. Some of their favorites include tacos, pizza, spaghetti, chicken nuggets, and chicken noodle soup," Barr said.

"My mom will leave the house around six every morning, and she doesn't return home until 10 at night. I have to really keep an eye on my sister Shayln. She likes to test my patience. It seems like my brother isn't even there half the time with his addiction to gaming. It's really difficult for me at times to make sure that they both keep up with their schoolwork. It causes lots of arguments."

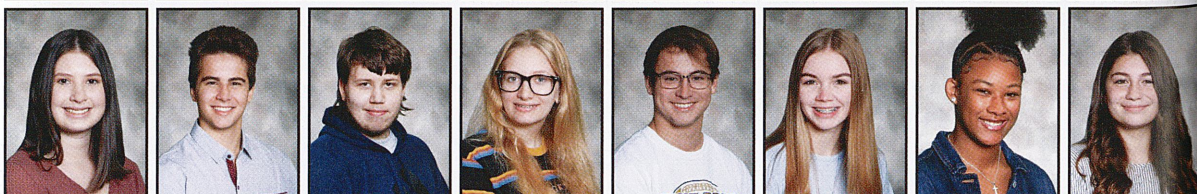
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Kayley Bowser  
Faith Boyle  
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Shannon Brown  
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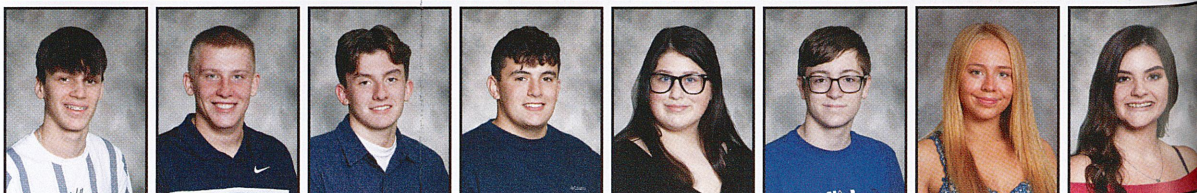






Photo: P. Fantaski (fac)

### Cheese it up...

In their second period Culinary Principles class with Mrs. Guzzie, Savannah Reidell (11) and Hunter Ford (11) make homemade mac and cheese in the class's dairy unit. "You have to eat mac and cheese with a fork. You can stab it, and it's less likely to fall off," Ford said. They topped the dish with bread crumbs and baked it for 10 minutes before eating it.

## Steelers snacking must haves



What one food item to you enjoy most watching the black and gold?

"Doritos... We always have them in the house. I prefer the Cool Ranch type. I've been known to scarf down a whole bag in one sitting."

Clayton Smith (11)



"I love funnel cakes because they are sweet and they taste really good."

Linzey Miller (11)

"Buffalo chicken dip... I like everything about it. It has to be super spicy for my taste."

Owen Zimmerman (11)



"Sauerkraut is a really German food. Add some pork to it and it is even more awesome."

Blaise Hilderbrand (11)

"Nachos and cheese... Cheese and chips just go together so well. My mom usually makes it, but I'm the one who eats it the most."

Edward Coleman (11)



"Pretzels... They are the perfect blend between salty and crunchy. I usually don't dip them in anything, and they are less greasy than potato chips."

Heather Sieczkowski (11)

Ashley Eckenrod (11)

What food reflects your heritage and what makes it good?



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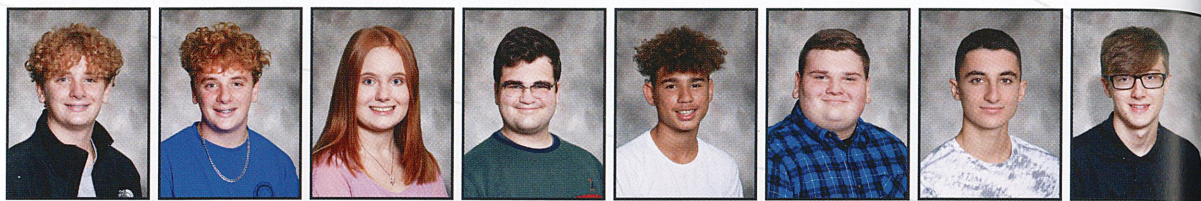
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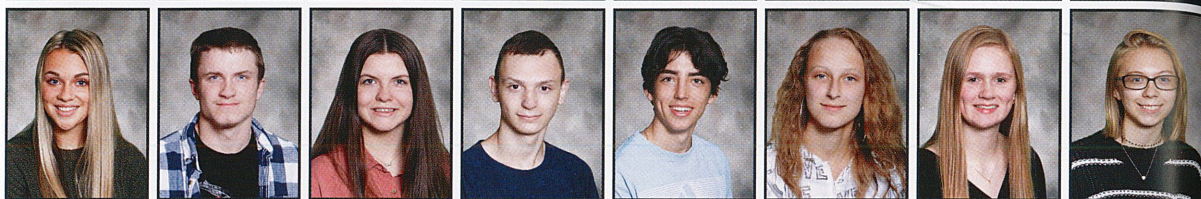
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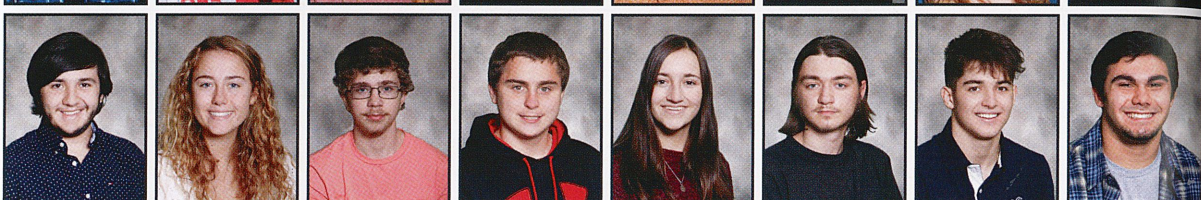
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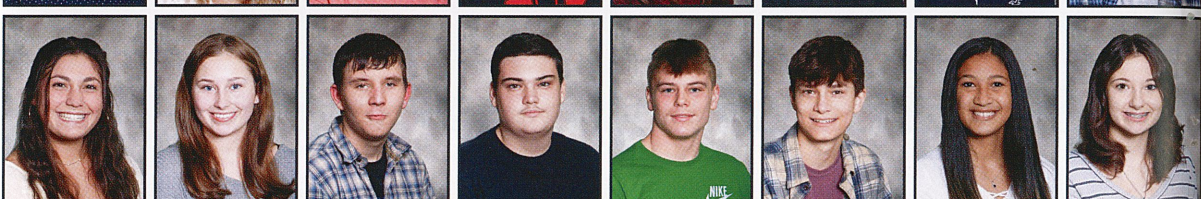
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Mathew Hilty  
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Haley Hudzick  
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Braden Jones  
Zachary Jordan  
Hannah Kastelic  
Karly Keller  
Justin Keys  
Katie Kiebler  
Katrina Koeng



## unveiled

Finally turning 16-years-old, juniors dreamed of the day when they finally had freedom in the form of four wheels. In fact, nationally, 25.6% of students acquired their drivers' licenses shortly after turning 16, and 49% got it after turning 17.

For those juniors who already drove, we asked them what kind of car they typically used, whether they owned it or not.



**1999 Dodge Durango**

"I have a purple 1999 Dodge Durango. I bought it in Latrobe. It took me about a year to save up all the money for it. I bus tables and host at Dick's Diner in Murrysville."

Savannah Reidell  
(11)



**2002 Toyota Highlander**

"We have a grayish-blue 2002 Toyota Highlander. Even though I only have my permit, I hope to take my driver's test on January 17. I feel safe in the SUV. I think it drives nice, and it's easy to get around in."

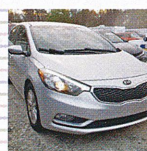
Grace Claxon  
(11)



**2016 Chevy Equinox**

"My dad has a red 2016 Chevy Equinox. I plan to take my driver's test in it in December, just before the holiday break. It's a bit big and heavy, but I feel comfortable in it."

Shawn Franklin  
(11)



**2013 Kia Forte**

"I usually drive around in my mother's silver 2013 Kia Forte. We bought it used about two years ago or so. It hasn't broken down, and it's been pretty dependable. I use it every day."

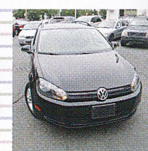
Julian Barr (11)



**2001 Ford Ranger**

"Even though I only have my permit right now, I own a black 2001 Ford Ranger. I wanted a pick-up so that I could haul around my dirt bike. I work at Oakmont Bakery to pay for it."

Anthony Ford  
(11)



**2010 VW Jetta**

"I drive around in a black 2010 VW Jetta. I hope to get my license in May. When we bought it, it looked brand new. We've had it for years and years. It's really dependable."

Madison Coniglio (11)



Photo: V. Hogan (12)



### Big yellow taxi...

At the end of a long day, Christian Finley-Guido (11) happily boards his bus for the ride home. Finley-Guido said, "I don't mind the bus ride too much, it is at most a 10 minute ride home since I live in the Hawk Valley neighborhood." Even though Finley-Guido did not mind the bus ride, he indicated that he would rather drive himself to and from school.

### Slow walk...

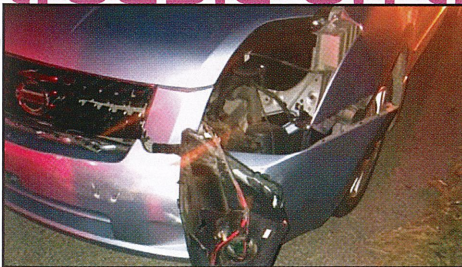
Traveling from Mr. Garris's (502) POT class to McAfee's Crim Law (415), Clayton Smith (11) must traverse from the 500 building to the 400 building. "I take my time and am usually late for all of my classes but especially Crim Law," Smith said. Smith's shortest trip was from Baum's English (206) to Mr. Fantaski's Geometry (305).

## grounded quote

"I don't have to ask for rides from people, so I can go where I want, when I want."

*Brianna Seman (11)*

## trouble on the road...



"A family of deer ran out in the bypass in front of Karissa. Karissa swerved out of the way and I had to slam on my breaks but I accidentally ran into her car. It was one of the scariest experiences for us but we were just happy everyone was okay."

*Chloe Arbaugh (11)*



"We felt really scared and I thought Chloe got hurt but we were fine and I'm thankful no one was involved."

*Karissa Will (11)*

Two juniors discuss a shared accident experience.

"I started learning when I was six. I had the training wheels on way too long. I think I finally got them off my bike when I was ten."

*Lucas Vrudney (11)*

Reminisce about when you learned to ride a bike.

"I never learned how to ride a bike. I tried to when I was little but it didn't interest me enough to fully learn how."

*Rose Lloyd (11)*

"When I was six years old, I remember running into the back of a car parked along the street while I was learning how to ride a bike."

*Maycee Auden (11)*

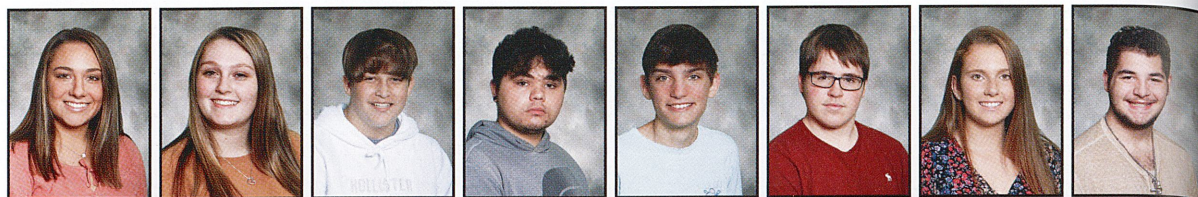
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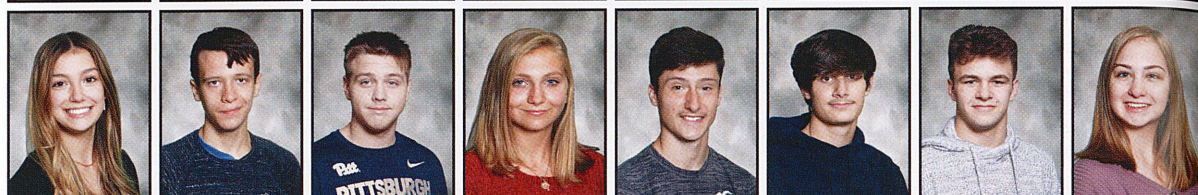
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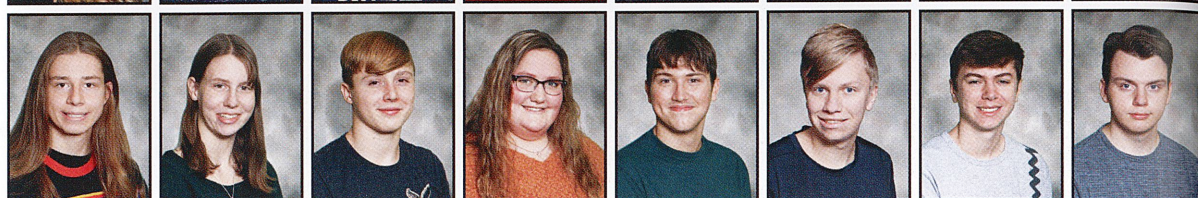
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# PLEASE TELL me I didn't do that

Students recall most embarrassing situations

Story: R. Fowler (12)

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AND  
OVER**

"Stepbrothers. My favorite part is when they fight over the drum set."  
Sam Coleman (11)

"Something that always makes laugh is Danny Duncan videos."  
Justin Keys (11)

What makes you laugh every time you see it?

"The Office... It doesn't seem fake, it's reality, and it's super funny."  
Julian Barr (11)

Every single day high schoolers faced a common feeling... embarrassment. Whether something big such as walking into the wrong bathroom or something small like waving to someone who doesn't wave back, embarrassment became part of being a high schooler's life.

"I fall up the stairs everyday going up to the science classes. People have to stop behind me and it gets backed up," Landon Newell (11) said.

Sometimes, high schoolers faced the embarrassment of past events that got brought up by friends, classmates, or parents.

"When I was little, I thought my cousin was pretty, and I wanted to marry her. I had a crush on my cousin until I realized she was my

family, and I couldn't do that. I was three at the time, but it still gets brought up every Thanksgiving, and I get really embarrassed. Looking back it was really funny because I was so young and didn't know any better," Bryant Brzozowski (11) said.

Although no one liked to be embarrassed, all high schoolers experienced this universal feeling at one point or another which comforted some.

"It's not fun to be embarrassed, but one thing that helps me feel better is that everyone gets embarrassed at some point, so in the end, it's not a big deal at all," Hannah Kastelic (11) said.

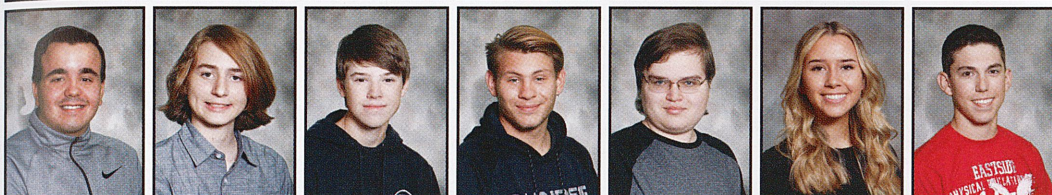




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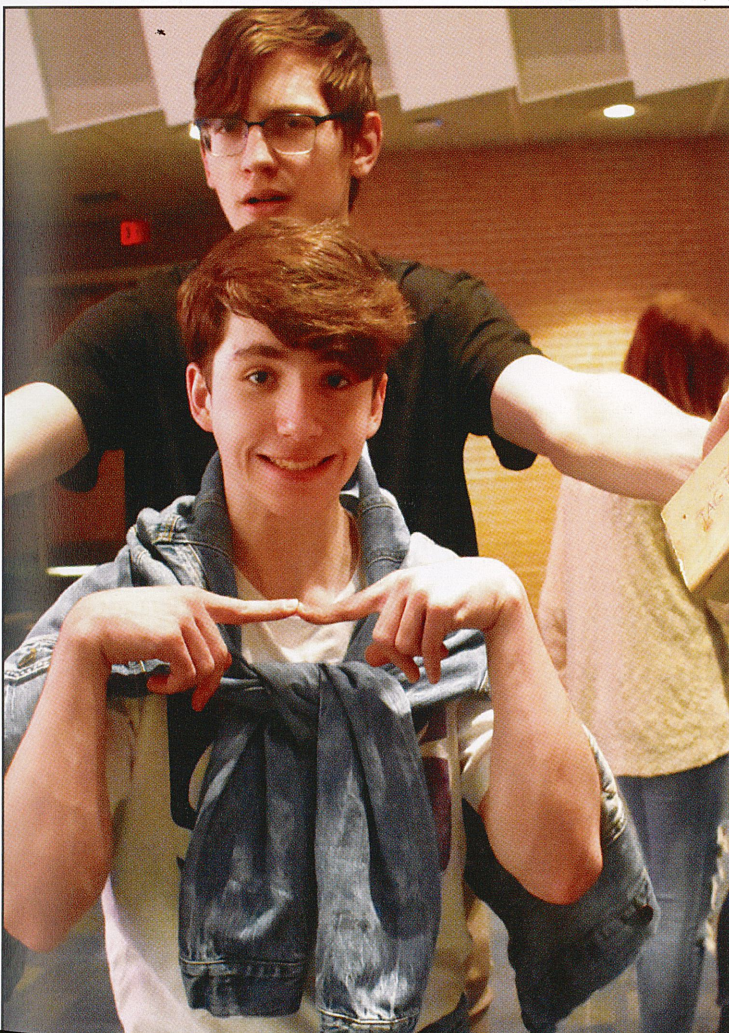


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Joshua Schrader  
Brianna Seman  
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"'All I Want for Christmas is You' by Mariah Carey. Man... Mariah Carey is an icon. I do not care what anyone else says about it. Right after Halloween, I start leaving her out to defrost."

Jasmine Reinhart  
(11)

Submitted: R. Capanna (fac)



Submitted: R. Capanna (fac)

"I really like Taylor Swift's version of 'Last Christmas.' It has a really good vibe."

Madison Coniglio  
(11)

#### You're it...

While rehearsing for *Legally Blonde*, Dylan Arner (11) receives the not-so-coveted tag block from Aidan Bico (11). Arner said, "I believe that Aidan created the tag block as a tool to use while we played tag at musical practice." Many members of the cast and crew played tag using the tag block until everything got shut down.

#### Laser focus...

While running through scenes to *Legally Blonde*, Brooklyn Castleberry (11) works diligently as Mr. Capanna offers an interesting look to the photographer. Castleberry said, "Mr. Capanna likes to create a slideshow throughout the whole musical season for us to look back at all of the memories of putting the show together." Castleberry preferred to stay behind the scenes and worked as one of the stage managers.

"I really like the tune and the lyrics to 'Baby, It's Cold Outside.' I make sure I listen to it during the Christmas season."

Mary Smith (11)

What Christmas song always brings a smile to your face when you hear it?

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## Geared up...

While Logan Webb (11) and a fellow firefighter stop for a picture, they anticipate what challenges they might encounter during a practice night. Webb said, "I am glad to be a junior firefighter. It is a great experience to know that I am helping to save people's lives and put out any dangers." Webb has volunteered with Apollo Hose Company #2 for the last two years.



Submitted: P. Headrick (2020 Grad)

## Steps in time...

In their basics block formation, members of the band warm up for one of their few performances. Dylan Arner (11) said, "Although I'm disappointed that we couldn't compete, I was grateful that we had a season at all." The band's show, *For the Heroes*, paid tribute to all frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# THANKS for your service

Story: R. Frye (10)

Students reflect on family members who serve in military

Many brave men and women have served and protected this country. Leaving their families and homes to serve in the military represented an immense level of sacrifice.

Juniors Makayla Anderson, Garrett Lane, John Gibbons, Laszlo Dickey, and Jasmine Reinhart all had family members who served or currently serve the country. Not only did it put a strain on them, but the other family members as well.

Lane said, "He's my older brother (Dylan Lane, 2020 grad), so not being able to see him, talk to him, hang out with him everyday, is something that is hard to get used to."

Dickey said, "I worry about

my cousin a lot when he is doing stuff, but he just got out of AIT (Advanced Individual Training) and is going to college before doing his active duty."

Traveling overseas can change peoples' outlook on life. People have a warped idea of life, but for Lane, he has learned that he should not take anything or anybody for granted.

The veterans always seemed to come home with unique stories, eager for their family members to hear. Anderson said, "My favorite story my grandfather told me was about him and his best friend. They joined the Army together. They both went to the same branch and went through training together.

Thirteen days after the Vietnam War started, my grandfather had gotten shot and was down. His best friend carried him over his shoulders to safety until he could get him to the hospital. My pap was dying so his best friend had to pull the bullet out and place pressure on the wound. Lucky the bullet didn't go too far, and he was able to get it out safely. After the war ended, his best friend unfortunately passed away and he had to go home alone. He had my grandma though, so that made him happy."

One cannot say thanks enough to all of the brave men and women for protecting and serving our country.





# grounded quote

"When I want a good hero sandwich, I go to Fox's Pizza. I really like their Italian heroes with lettuce, tomato, onions, Italian dressing."

Hunter Ford (11)



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Jonathan Shaffer  
Kolin Shaffer  
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Paige Shondelmyer  
Heather Sieczkowski  
Aiden Sites  
Cooper Sluka

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Mary Smith  
Jocelyn Spencer  
Miabella Steele  
Sarah Sullivan  
Nina Summerhill  
Cameron Thompson  
Benjamin Townsend

Bella Uskuraitis  
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Madison Venturini  
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Logan Webb  
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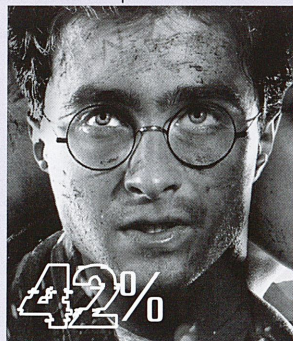
## choice of three

"Hero" edition...

One saved the world from Voldemort, one saved Wakanda while finding himself, and one sought out his rightful way to rule the ocean deep.

Which one would you want on your side should worse come to worse?

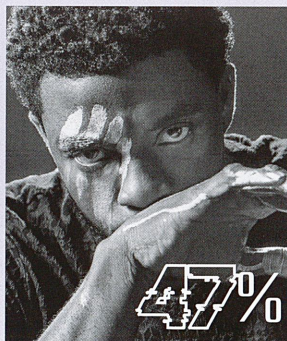
100 students polled



Harry Potter

"I grew up with Harry Potter, and I loved the books. I've never seen the other movies, nor do I like superheroes enough to watch."

Mary Smith (11)



Black Panther

"This Aquaman character was not portrayed nearly as good as Black Panther. Also, I have never watched the Harry Potter series."

Bella Uskuraitis (11)



Aquaman

"I like him because he has telepathic control over animals in the sea."

Hunter Ford (11)

"The Hulk is my favorite superhero because he's strong."

Madison Venturini (11)

Which superhero do you like most?

"Batman... because I like the movies. *Dark Knight* is the best of the Batman movies."

Graham Holden (11)

"I like Spiderman the most. He's relatable because he's a broke teenager."

Kaleab Haddock (11)

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# One *last chance* to get in the yearbook

Underclassmen picture days, a staple during the first few weeks of school, shifted to mid-October to allow administrators time to gauge how the school year would function in a hybrid and online model. Due to the later date and the high school shutting down for a week in November, retakes happened much later than normal—right before the Thanksgiving holiday. With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, the *Campus* staff felt that allowing parents to submit a picture of their child or using the previous year's picture would help to offset the high volume of non-photographed students.

This one-time change lent itself nicely to the theme of the yearbook, as it certainly broke new ground.

## Selfie diversion...

Instead of getting ready for the next cheer, Katelyn Byers (12) whips out her cellphone to take a picture with her pals Jocelyn Spencer (11) and Bella Uskuraitis (11). Spencer said, "Even though Katelyn was a bad influence at that game, she is amazing and has been such a help to me and many others on the squad. I will miss her next year." Due to the weather conditions, Spencer took it upon herself to warm up with a piping-hot cup of hot chocolate.

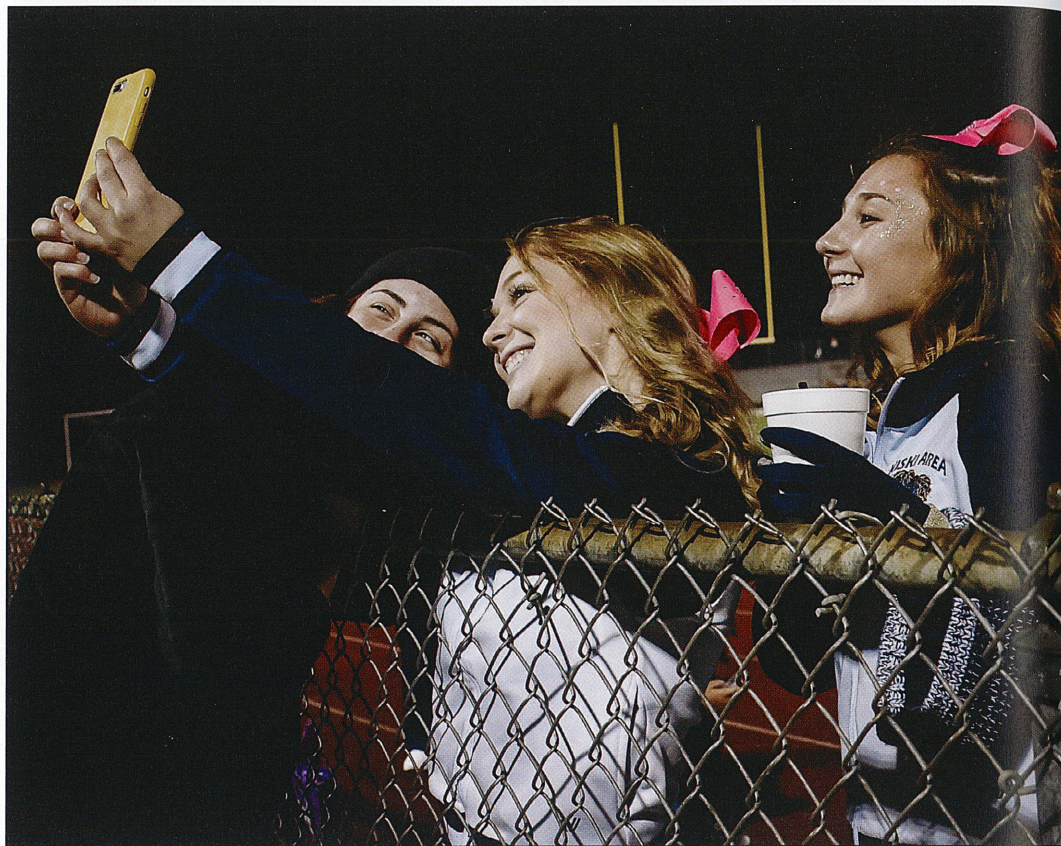


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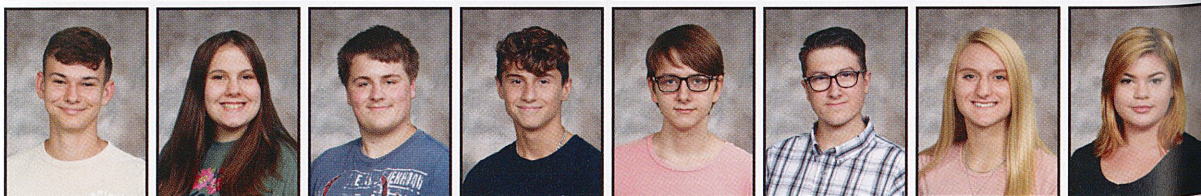
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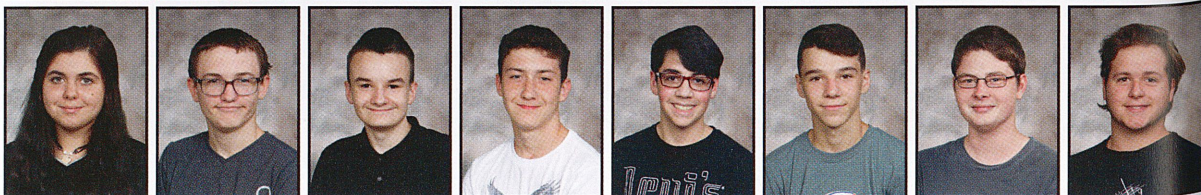
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Kamryn Daugherty  
Kenneth Davis  
Thaddeus Decock  
Jenna Dubac  
Rowan Fitch



Jessalynn Fitzpatrick  
Jesse Fleishner  
William Fryer  
Joseph Galore  
Andrew Habura  
Jakob Hagofsky  
Tyler Held  
Nicholas Hughes





# an "onliners only" question

## If it weren't for this, I'd get so much more done learning at home...



### Procrastination

"The thought of doing it later. I always think to myself that I don't need to finish it at this very moment, and there's always tomorrow."

Braden Jones (11)



### Netflix

"There are just so many good shows I love. Netflix is a little too addicting."

Savannah Reidell (11)



### Phone

"The biggest distraction is probably my phone, but I still get all my work done. When I am working on homework, I just get bored."

Sarah Musser (11)



### Dogs

"My dogs tend to bark a lot. It is very distracting when I am trying to get my work done."

Mykel Bernat (11)



### Computer

"I always want to play video games on my computer instead of getting my work done. It's too easy to take a break and not go back."

Jacob Robbbaro (11)



### Phone

"I'll go on it to google something, but then, I somehow end up going down a YouTube rabbit hole."

Lucas Vrudney (11)



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Madison Leith  
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Gabriela Paredes  
Christina Peltier  
Antonio Rauso

Jacob Reedy  
Abigail Retter  
Deashaun Rhine  
Ethan Riley  
Drew Roberts

Travis Rogal  
Jameson Sales  
Noah Shirley  
Grant Smith  
Jacob Stewart

Destiny Summers  
Treyden Watterson  
Brock Wilkins  
Ethan Woodhall  
Ann Zezyus



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

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Megan Abell-Swarmer  
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Julian Barr  
Dylan Barry  
Joseph Bowser  
Jorgie Evans  
Cole Ganter  
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Kaleab Haddock  
Katherine Hand  
Nico Hawley  
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Julian Hughes  
Garrett Lane  
Devin Leone  
Dante Mangery  
Ashley Moyle  
Zachary O'Neil  
Gwendolyn Rock  
Ashley Rodriguez  
Gerald Schafer  
Lorna Shevchenko  
Devon Shoemaker  
Clayton Smith  
Elijah Sowerby  
Damian Weaver

### Country break...

Following a mask break in Mr. Culler's Algebra II class, Hunter Ford (11) finds it difficult to get back into completing his assignment. Ford said, "I like to listen to country music and check out Snapchat instead of working on my math." Ford liked the extra hours he got working during the Christmas holiday season at Oakmont Bakery as it helped him pay for presents for his friends and family.

"Best Viners 2."

Savannah Reidell (11)

What YouTube sensation distracts you from falling asleep at night?

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"Danny Duncan."

Logan Vacanti (11)

"TheLoadingTwo Podcast."

Treyden Watterson (11)



# PITCHING

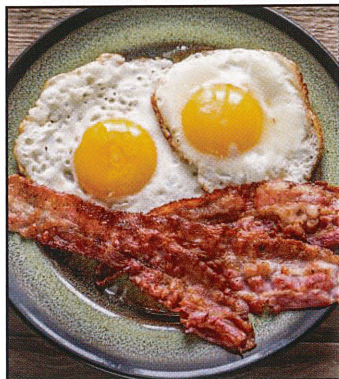
## in for COVID

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"I was forced to give my sister the dirt bike that I outgrew. It was important to me because it was the one that I grew up riding."

Ryan Shaffer  
(10)

Sophomores discuss hardships at home due to pandemic



With the impact of COVID-19 and the mandated school shutdowns in PA on March 13, 2020, the life of the typical teenager drastically changed.

Shortly after his birthday in May, Luke Cawley (10) recalled a time where he and his whole family had to quarantine.

Cawley said, "I live with my step-mom, dad, and sister. My sister Taren ended up testing positive. At the time, she worked at the Honey Bear Gas Station in North Washington. She actually had to live in the camper on our property so that we all didn't get infected, too. For 14 days, we all had to stay inside the house. I spent a lot of that time riding my dirt bike on the trails around our house. We all had to get tested, and luckily, the rest of us all ended up negative."

Story: R. Fowler (12)

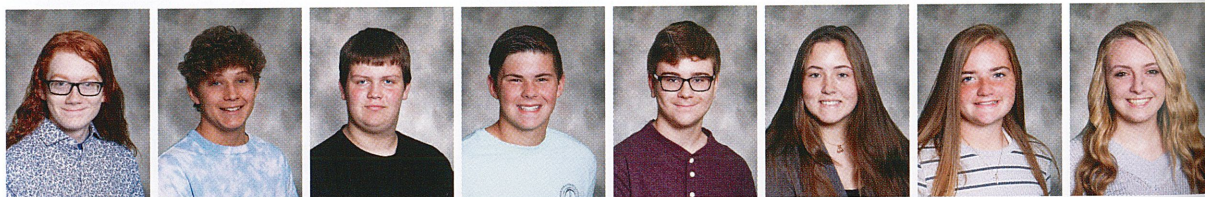
Yet another student Braden Mika (10) had a different COVID-19 experience, a more humorous one.

"When the whole pandemic broke, we actually needed toilet paper. My mother knew a guy who sold items in bulk. She bought two cases. I think we have enough toilet paper to supply the whole borough of Oklahoma for a year," Mika said.

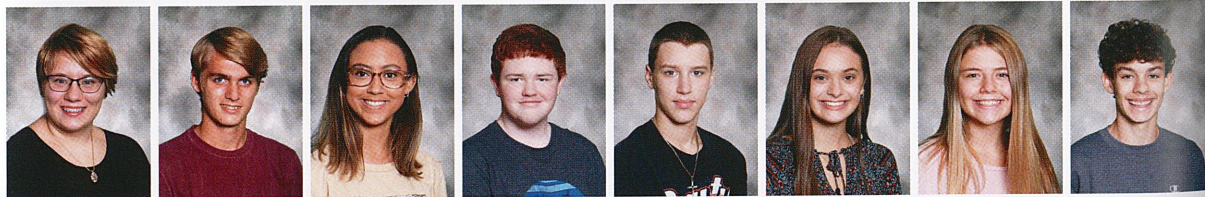
Living in the White Oak plan near New Kensington, Gianna Rowan (10) pitched in with making meals.

"My mom works 16 hour shifts for a hospice service. She leaves before my brother Preston and I leave for school. I make sure that he has breakfast and dinner. I'm known for making eggs, bacon, pancakes, and sausage. He likes spaghetti, chicken, tacos, fries, and nuggets for dinner," Rowan said.

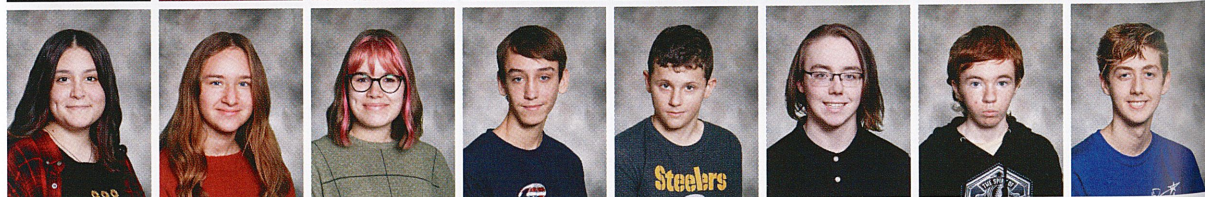
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Brandon Bence  
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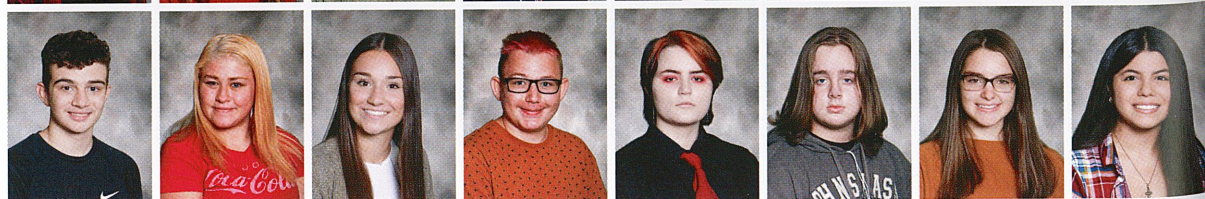






Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## No quitting today...

As Olivia Schrag (10) runs past Coach Feudale, he offers words of encouragement to help her find her second wind. Schrag said, "I thoroughly enjoy running cross country. Coach B and Coach Feudale have helped me so much the last two years." Schrag looked forward to continued improvement in her cross country times the next couple of years.

# Sacrifices both great and small



Discuss the most difficult item you have given up for Lent.

"I gave up chocolate, and that was very difficult. I eat chocolate a lot, so it was hard to go from eating it a lot to not eating it at all."

McKenzie Kuth (10)



"My phone. I always put it somewhere, forget where I put it, then find it 2 hours later."

Dominick Kerns (10)

"Giving up Netflix was probably the hardest because I love to watch movies and tv shows."

Bryn Hewitt (10)

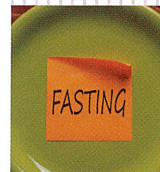


"Drawings. Sometimes I know exactly where they are, other times the drawings tend to vanish from the plane of existence itself with no logical reason."

Cayden Castleberry (10)

"It was hard for me to do, but I gave up chocolate for Lent and it was truly a sacrifice."

Devan Sonafelt (10)



"My pencils. I always lose them, and then when I don't need them, they pop up again."

Avery Toy (10)

"Instead of giving up something I fasted every Friday and that was very difficult."

Angela Tucker (10)

Name an item you seem to lose, then find, then lose again and again.



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Cayden Castleberry  
Avery Celo  
Collin Cline  
Ryan Clinger

Lexiann Colaanni  
Nathaniel Coleman  
Samantha Coleman  
Isabella Corsaro  
Jack Crider

Miranda Crofutt  
Maxine Crosby  
David Curry  
Caleb Custer  
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Isabella Devito  
Dominic DiNinno  
Breanna Dowling  
Aaron Dull

**SOPHOMORES A-D**

Never Give Up

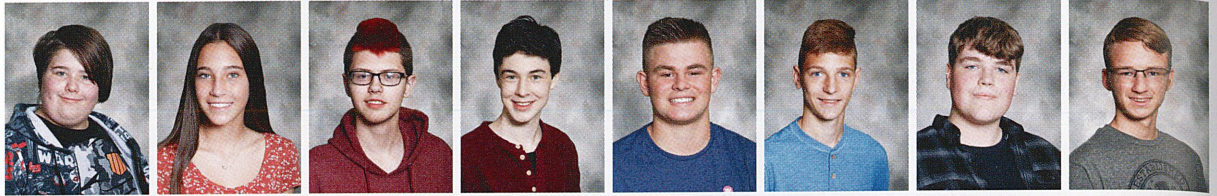
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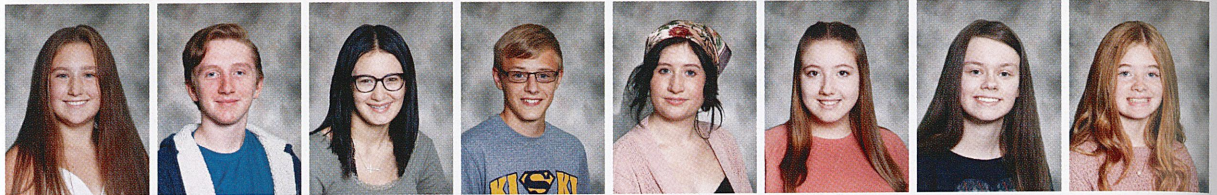
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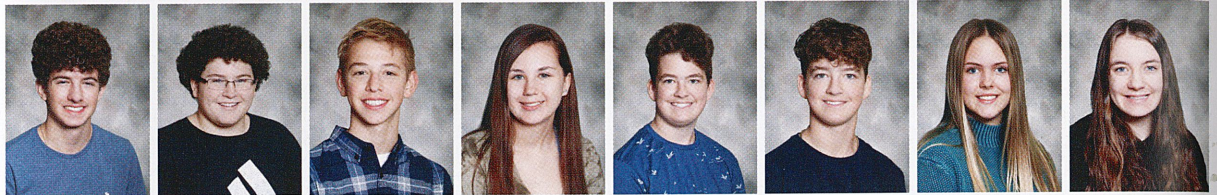
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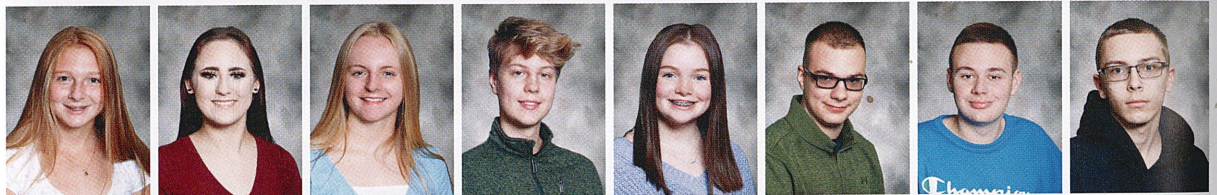
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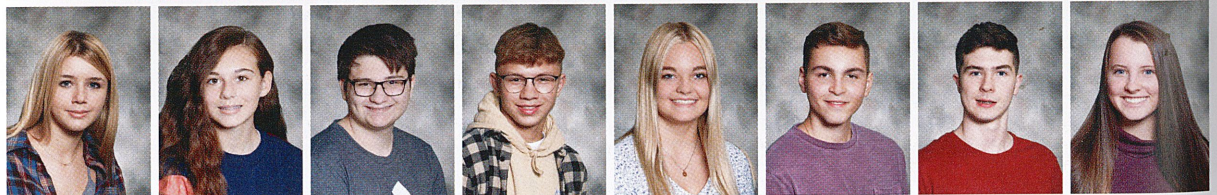
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## days together

So many lessons. So many friends. A fictional borough in Manhattan, 123 Sesame Street centered around a Brownstone building and lovable Muppet characters aimed to educate and support the nation's youngest. You have to quarantine for 14 days with one of the following characters. Which do you pick and why?



Grover

"Grover would keep me safe. As his alter-ego Super Grover, he would keep me safe from the virus. He's blue, he's cuddly, and he'd be a great friend for 14 days of quarantine."

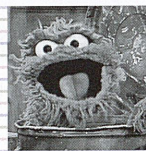
Alexander Smouse (10)



Kermit

"Kermie is the best frog I know. His voice is very soothing, and he can sing me to sleep with *The Rainbow Connection*. I would let him know that it's easy being green."

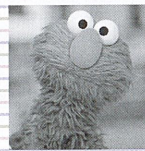
Matthew Fuhrer (10)



Oscar

"I would definitely pick Oscar because he doesn't mind a mess. He would definitely keep the mask rule in check, and he would fit perfectly in my messy room."

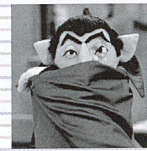
Cassia Remencus (10)



Elmo

"Elmo is a positive energy to be around. He would keep me from getting too bored. He likes to sing, and would tell me stories about his adventures on Sesame Street."

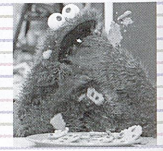
Nathan Vokes (10)



Count

"I would make the Count could do all my homework in Mrs. Hald's class; he could help me fall asleep by counting sheep, and he could let me borrow his sick cape."

Michael Erdman (10)



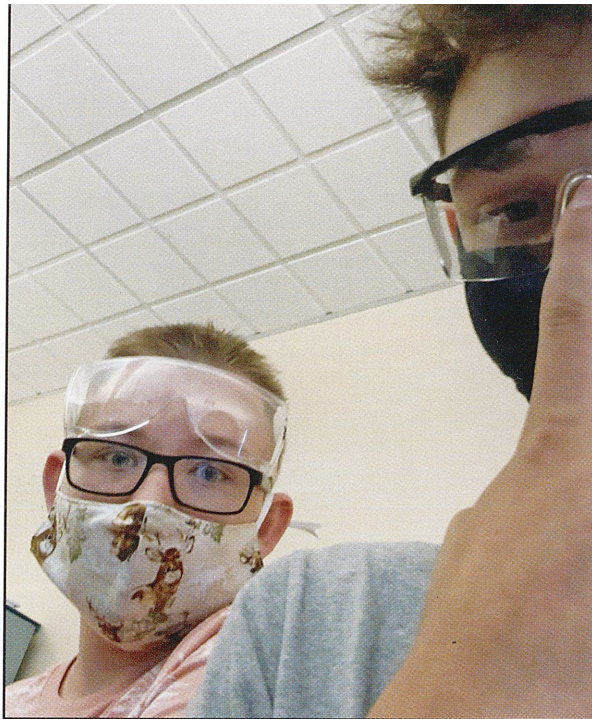
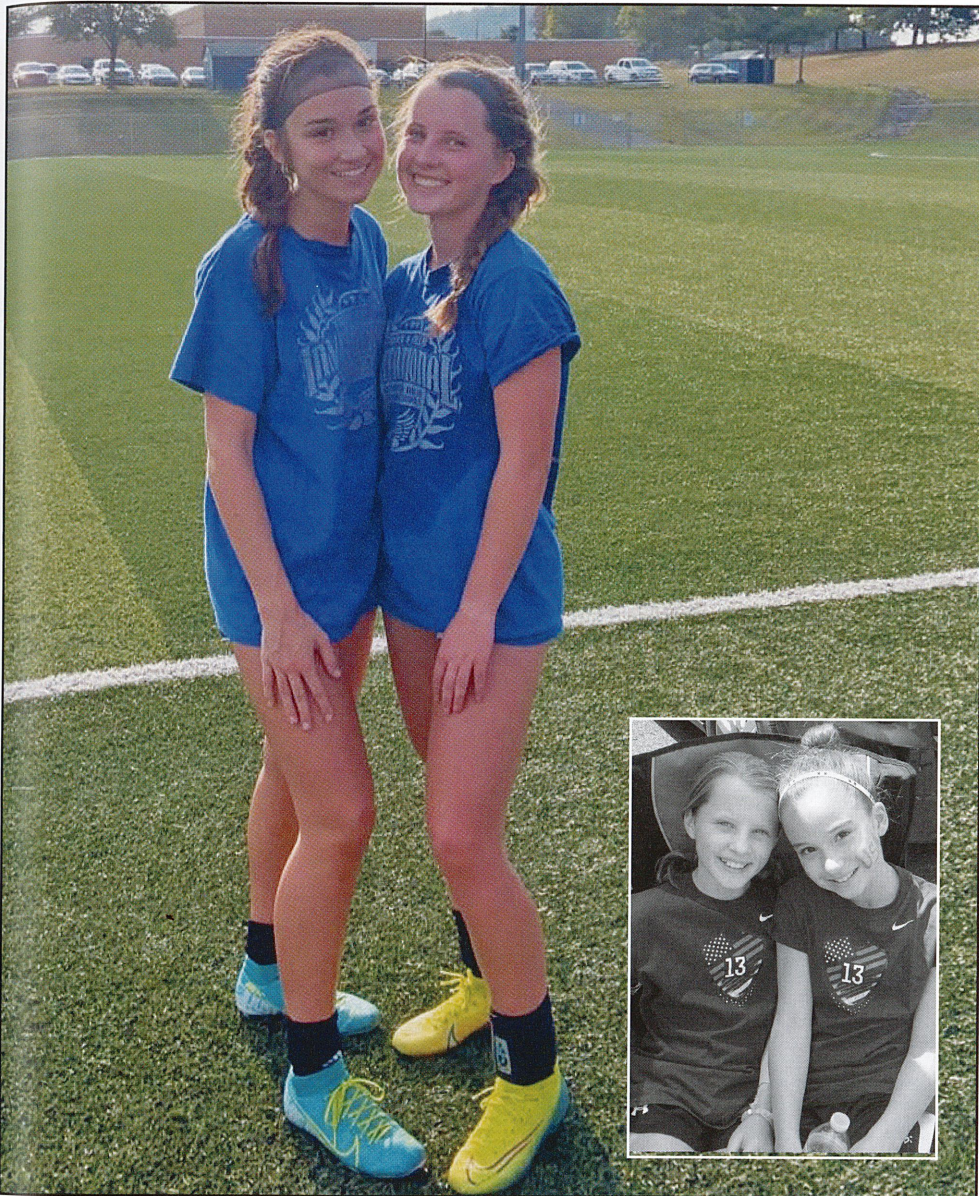
Cookie

"I would definitely pick Cookie Monster. He's really funny, and he likes cookies. I picture crumbs all over the place, and who doesn't like a good cookie from time to time?"

Eric McCurdy (10)



Submitted: R. Koziatek (10)



Submitted: C. Gardone (10)

### Soccer besties...

During their week of mandatory soccer practice, Riley Koziatek (10) and Payton Buffone (10) take a break from the intense workout. Koziatek said, "Payton and I got to attend the USA Women's National Team Game when they came through Pittsburgh in 2015. It was a great game." The Women's team beat Costa Rica at Heinz Field 8-0 in front of 44,028 fans.

### Chemical composition...

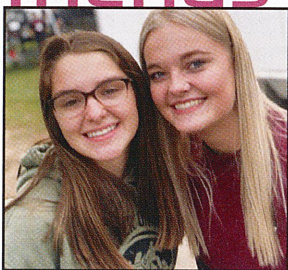
During a Chemistry lab, Logan Burkett (10) and Caleb Gardone (10) notice how goofy they look in their protective gear. Gardone said, "Logan and I are like brothers. I couldn't ask for a better friend." The pair considered themselves best friends for the last six years.

### grounded quote

"My brother and I are twins so we've known each other our entire lives."

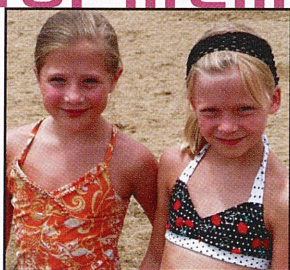
*Evan Mamros (10)*

## friends for life...



"Mackenzie Knapp and I have been friends for about 8 years. We are next door neighbors and we're always together. She is like a sister to me now, I know I can always count on her and she never fails to make me smile."

*Sawyer Callaghan-Zanotti (10)*



"This is a picture of me and my best friend of 12 years, Andie Zielinski. We are still best friends today because we have so much fun when we are together, like in the picture, how we are at the beach."

*Katie Wigton (10)*



"Miranda Crofutt and I have been friends for 7 years now. We are so close that people have mistaken us as sisters. She and I don't have a lot in common, but that's what makes us so close. As we learn more and more about each other, that makes us even closer."

*Maxine Crosby (10)*

Who at the school knows you best because the two of you grew up together?

"I am a social butterfly. I have a whole bunch of friends in different schools. I mostly text with my friends to keep up with them and when we aren't in a pandemic, we hang out."

*Chassidy Kamer (10)*

How do you stay connected to friends during the pandemic?

"I stay in touch with my friends mainly through Facetime."

*Emma Mellinger (10)*

"Facetime or Snapchat is how I stay connected with friends."

*Breanna Dowling (10)*

**SOPHOMORES D-K**

*Childhood Friends*

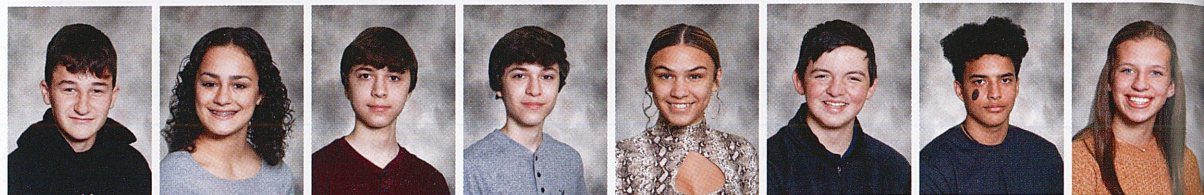
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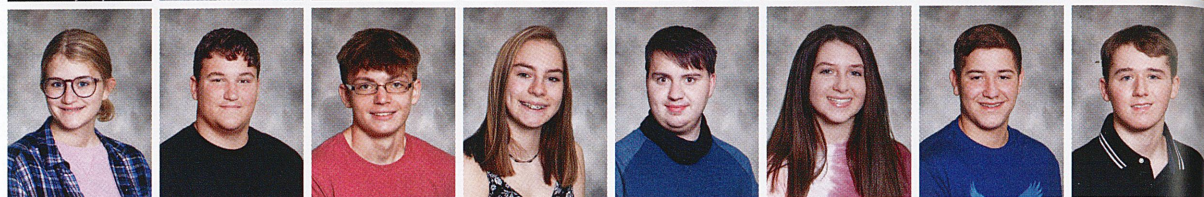
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Nicholas Miles



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Abigail Mortensen  
Kayla Mull  
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Kaylee Musco  
Alyssa Mydock  
Zachary Myers



# JUST NOT right in the head

Concussed victims discuss  
life after the injury

Story: R. Fowler (12)

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**PAY TO  
PLAY  
THE  
GAME**

"In eighth grade, while practicing the 4x100 relay, I felt a sharp pain in my left hamstring. I missed 3/4 of the track season."

Gabriella Prignon (10)

"While playing four square in gym, someone over spiked the ball. When I went to return it, I dislocated my shoulder and tore some muscle tissue. That ended my swim season."

Jayden Mattis (10)

Students  
recall  
devastating  
sports injuries.

"Due to overuse I fractured my hip and tore my labrum. The combination of playing basketball, soccer, and weightlifting caused this injury. I will be out 3 months, unless I need surgery, then it will be more."

Lexi Colaanni (10)

For two sophomores, serious blows to the head caused lifelong adjustments. To this day, both recall the events vividly.

"About two years ago, I used to box at a gym in downtown Apollo. I wasn't paying enough attention, and another boxer hit me square in the right side of my head. I fell over, and a trainer rushed over to me. She started asking me all kinds of questions to diagnose the situation. We went to UrgiCare in Natrona Heights, and they found that I had a concussion," Nate Fouse (10) said. "Ever since then, I'm somewhat bothered by bright lights, I have to be really careful not to injure my head again, and sometimes, loud noises can trigger a migraine."

Another student recalled a time when his injury had the Vandergrift Pool Staff close for the day to drain

the water.

"It was the Fourth of July weekend, and I was at the Vandergrift Pool. I was on the end of the high-diving board and jumped to execute my dive. When I came back down, I bounced back over the guard rail, ended up splitting my head open on the cement border of the pool, and then fell in," Gabe Cable (10) said. "I was under the water for a few seconds when the lifeguard jumped in to save me. The ambulance came, but my mother was cleared to drive me to Allegheny Valley Hospital. I ended up with 11 staples from the top of my head to where my neck and head connect. I get really bad headaches every now and again, and they sometimes make me nauseous."

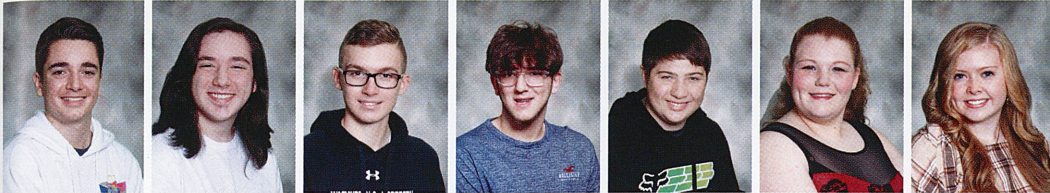




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Gabiella Prignon  
Zachary Prosser



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Brady Rametta  
Vincent Rapacchietta  
Tyler Rearic  
Cassia Remencus  
Savannah Renwick



Benjamin Reynolds  
Ryan Ridenour  
Nevaeh Riggle  
Laken Robshaw  
Frankie Rokosz  
Michael Roman  
Gianna Rowan

"I broke the growth plate in my leg at school. We were playing tag, and I was pushed off a tire bridge. My foot got caught in between the tires and hung there until my leg broke and I fell."

Gabriel Koehnlein  
(10)

Submitted: T. Paes (10)

Photo: S. Renwick (10)



"I broke my wrist when I fell backwards and landed on it wrong. I was seven years old and I was in a cast for eight weeks."

Alexis Shook (10)

#### Golf meniscus...

While hanging out in his hospital bed, Thomas Paes (10) recovers from his surgery to repair his torn meniscus. Paes said, "I don't know how I did it, but the main suspect is golfing." Paes figured he had to stay off of his feet for one to two months after the surgery and did not expect to get back into sports until the spring or summer.

#### Hard softball...

During softball practice at Kunkle Park, Savannah Renwick (10) takes an inside pitch off her knee. Renwick said, "I had surgery to have some cartilage and bone removed. Months after the incident, my knee was getting weaker and I tripped a lot going up stairs." Renwick recovered from the surgery and her knee got a lot better and stronger.

"I fractured my finger at the Boyce park wave pool last year and my finger is still swollen from it because they told me that it could take 2-3 years for the swelling to go down completely."

Angela Tucker (10)

Describe an injury that you will never forget.

**SOPHOMORES K-R**

*Injuries*

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### Love of the game...

Back in seventh grade, Devan Sonafelt (10) crouches down to make sure the other team does not get the ball. Sonafelt said, "I started basketball mainly because of the friendships you gain from the team." Even though she loved the game, Sonafelt stopped playing basketball to focus more on soccer.



(Pic from 2018 *Transition*, P27)

### Gentle words...

Just after the orphans argued in a dispute, Annie (Maddy Costanza-12) comforts Molly (Riley Koziatek-3). Costanza said, "Working with Riley was a great experience because it gave me the chance to bond with a young girl who wanted her own lead someday." Koziatek continued their relationship off-stage through FaceTime on her iPhone.

(Caption/Pic from 2014 *Campus*, P38)

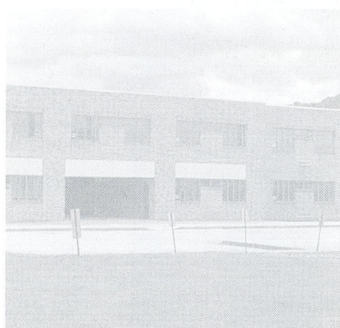


Photo: K. Aller (2014 grad)

# THOSE MID years at kais

Sophomores reflect back on funny seventh/eighth grade times

Story: R. Fowler (12)



Poised just above the high school at 260 Hyde Park Road, the Kiski Area Intermediate School served as the feeder institution for later years. Three students remembered instances from then that still made them laugh.

"I remember this one time when a bunch of kids told a boy that they had thrown his phone into the garbage can in the cafeteria, even though they hadn't. He actually went through all the muck and mess to see if he could retrieve it.

Eventually, they told him that they had lied, and he got it back. He was covered in bits and pieces of everything that people had thrown away," Gabby Schafer (10) said.

Still, another student recalled a more embarrassing situation.

Emma King (10) said, "Emersyn Lynch once told me that she witnessed a kid who was really late for class who tripped down the ramp. She said that his books slid all over the place, and even fell off the edge, plummeting down to the

floor. People talked about the event for weeks and weeks."

Avery Celo (10) remembered a time in band when Mr. Puchski missed that day.

"We had a sub who obviously didn't know how to conduct. Her arms were all over the place, and there was absolutely no way that we all could play together. It was really difficult to play our instruments when we were laughing so hard," Celo said.



# grounded quote

"From about first grade to fifth grade at Mamont Elementary, I would always help Miss Sue, a lunch lady, restock the milk. It was always fun for me to do that and she was always so nice. My fifth grade year, she moved to the high school and I looked forward to seeing her again, but she retired. The memory still lives on."

Rachel Frye (10)



Laci Safranyos  
Rylie Sandor  
Ryan Schmidt  
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Isziah Wright  
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## choice of three

2005 TV edition...

George W. Bush served as President of the United States. Chad Hurlley, Steve Chen, and Jawed Karim created YouTube. Hurricane Katrina pounded New Orleans and became the costliest tropical cyclone on record. Equal rights activist Rosa Parks, comedian and TV host Johnny Carson, and Mr. Miyagi himself Pat Morita all passed away.

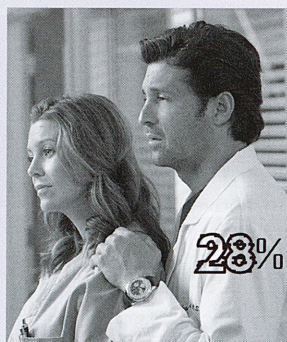
Still, three legendary television shows debuted in 2005, your likely birth year. Which one do you like the most?

100 students polled



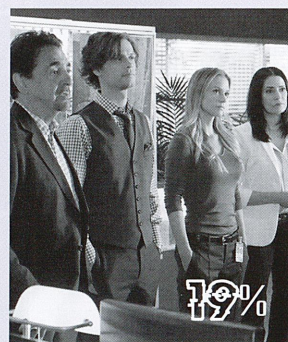
*The Office*

Adapted from across the pond, the U.S. take on Britain's mockumentary series *The Office* introduced viewers to the world of Dunder Mifflin, making Steve Carell, John Krasinski, Rainn Wilson and Mindy Kaling household names.



*Grey's Anatomy*

The series revolved around the title character, Dr. Meredith Grey, played by Ellen Pompeo. Grey was first featured as an intern and later became the chief of general surgery, all the while exploring the ups-and-downs of a surgeon's life.



*Criminal Minds*

The show revolved around an elite team of profilers from the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) at Quantico, Virginia. Profilers analyzed the country's most twisted criminal minds in an effort to anticipate their next moves before they struck again.

"I remember getting stung by a wasp while learning; I fell off my bike after I got stung. I believe I was five or six when I learned how to ride."

Katie Wigton (10)

Reminisce about learning to ride a bike.

"I was eight years old. My mum told me she was holding onto the back of my bike and pushed me down a hill. It wasn't until after I got to the bottom she told me she was never holding onto the bike."

Faith Ashbaugh (10)

"When I was eight, I was riding at my grandparents' lake house and I hit one of those sewer cover things, and to make a long story short, I got gravel stuck in my knee."

Abigail Negley (10)

**SOPHOMORES S-Z**

*Gone Old School*

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### Built in mask break...

While discussing current events at lunch, Olivia Schrag (10), Hannah Simpson (10), and Christa Graham (10) enjoy their break from wearing their masks. Graham said, "Even though I am totally used to wearing a mask, I like our lunch break where I don't have to have it on." The girls liked it when the main lunch entree came from the poultry family.

## One last chance to get in the yearbook

Online education took a major leap forward in its influence within public schools. Due to the pandemic, many students stayed home fulltime, and this caused many students to miss underclassmen picture days.

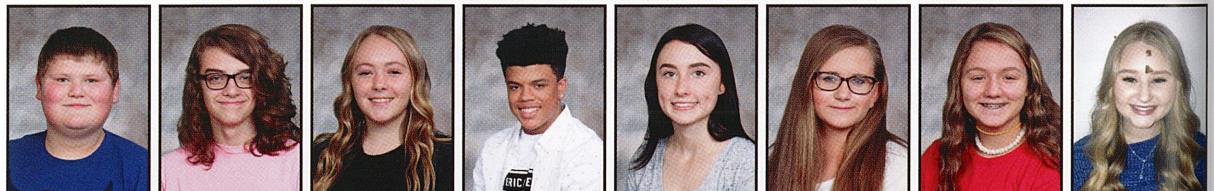
Without stating a reason but taking advantage of the convenience, Ms. Rhonda McGuire, mother of Xander McGuire (10), said, "Thank you for being so accommodating. We greatly appreciate it."

The *Campus* staff felt that allowing parents to submit a picture of their child or using the previous year's picture would help to offset the high volume of students who did not get their student photo taken on school picture days. This one-time change lent itself nicely to the theme of the yearbook, as it certainly broke new ground.

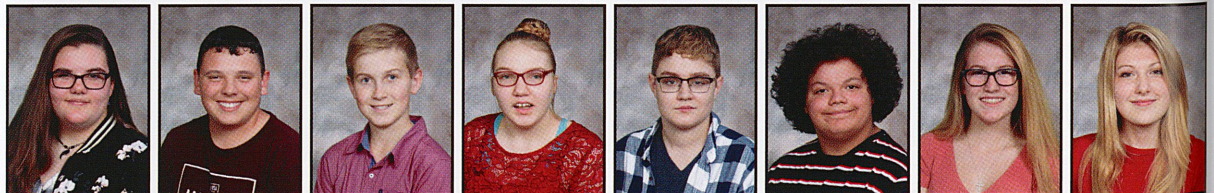


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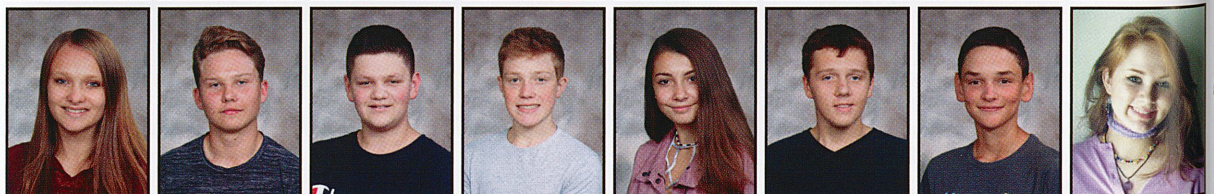
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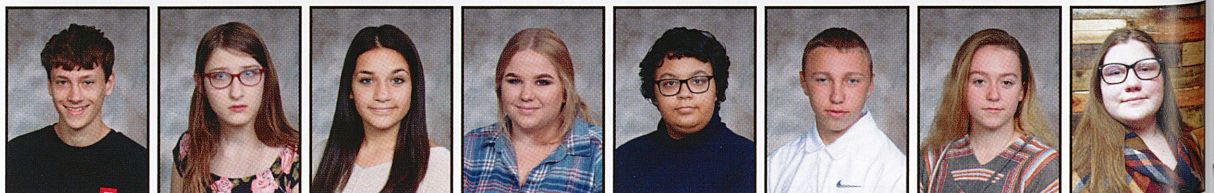
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Giavonna Gardone



Ethan George  
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Hannah Henricks  
Noah Henry  
Emma Hibner  
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a delicious question

When I get a craving for fast food, I prefer...



### Burger King

"I get the Bacon King Burger because it is almost as big as my face, and it has a lot of bacon."

Reilly Brandle (10)



### Arby's

"I always go with my grandma and get a jamocha shake. I have gone with her since I can't remember; it's just our thing."

Hannah Simpson (10)



### Wendy's

"A good one is the new Pretzel Bacon Pub Burger. If you're looking for a deal, get the biggie bag. You get a good amount of food for \$5."

Braden Mika (10)



### Chipotle

"I always get a burrito bowl with beans, steak, veggies, and lettuce—with a side of chips and salsa."

Emma Mellinger (10)



### Chick-Fil-A

"I usually order the grilled nuggets and waffle fries because I like the grilled nuggets better than the regular nuggets."

Bryn Hewitt (10)



### Subway

"I get a grilled chicken wrap with guacamole, pepperjack cheese, and whatever veggies I feel like that day."

Angela Tucker (10)



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Eric McCurdy  
(10)

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Cooper Szalsky  
Kaitlyn Shaw  
Tamekia Shirey  
Joseph Tallero  
Emmanuel Thompson  
India Williams  
Glenn Wright  
Ryleigh Zamperini

"I look forward  
to milkshakes,  
occasionally."

Cayden  
Castleberry (10)

Discuss a lunch  
food you look  
forward to.

"I really like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Also, the school's pizza is actually not that bad."

Ryan Shaffer (10)

"I look forward to dipper day. I don't even know if we are going to have it this year, but I hope we do."

Alyssa Weigand (10)

SOPHOMORES AGAIN

Lunchtime

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# SAY GOODBYE to bland

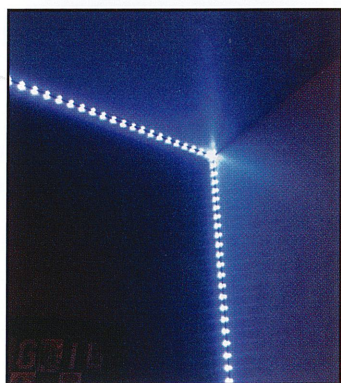
Story: R. Fowler (12)

## grounded quote

"My bedroom walls are white which is a blank canvas for everything that I create to put on the walls."

Victoria  
Crystaloski (9)

## Freshmen reveal their unique bedroom wall colors



With so many shows on TV like *Fixer Upper*, *Property Brothers*, *List It*, and *Home Town*, followers knew that white did not always represent the best wall color for a room.

Three students explained why they chose the colors that donned their bedroom walls.

"At my mom's house, my bedroom walls are turquoise, and at my dad's, they are purple. On my mom's side, we are very close to the beach. I am very connected to the ocean, and the turquoise represents water to me. It's full of life and relaxation. The water is calming to me, so that's why I chose turquoise. It helps me feel like I'm there, even though I'm not," Caylie Tursky (9) said.

She further said, "I chose purple at my dad's house to remind me of the joys and wonders life holds. Purple reminds me of a field of daisies. It makes me feel free and like I'm floating."

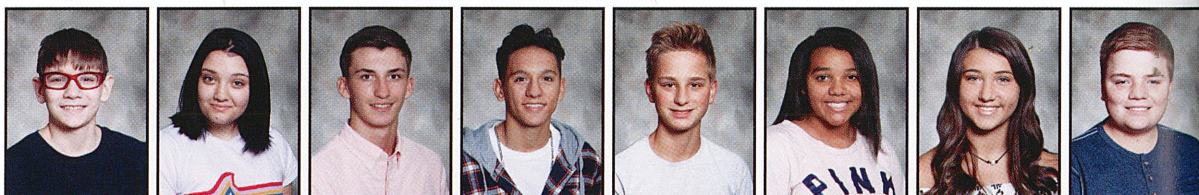
Similarly, another student chose shades of purple for her walls.

Abigail Johns (9) said, "I have different shades of purple—one dark purple wall and 3 light colored purple walls. I have LED strip lights all around my walls. Some colors change the colors of them. The brighter the lights, the happier and excited I am. Light colors make me concentrate and focus. I make the lights blue at night time. The blue helps me sleep."

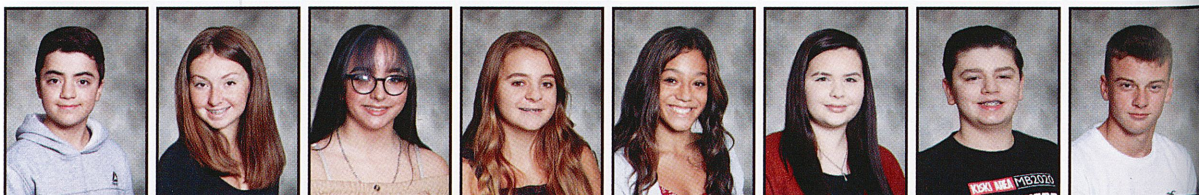
One freshman wanted a brighter, more positive look to her room.

"I have bright yellow walls with tapestries, paintings, road signs, pictures, and lights. My life is chaos, and there is always something happening, but I'm that one person that will try to see the positive in anyone or any situation. I wanted my room to represent that. And, yellow is my 'happy color,'" Tatum Antimary (9) said.

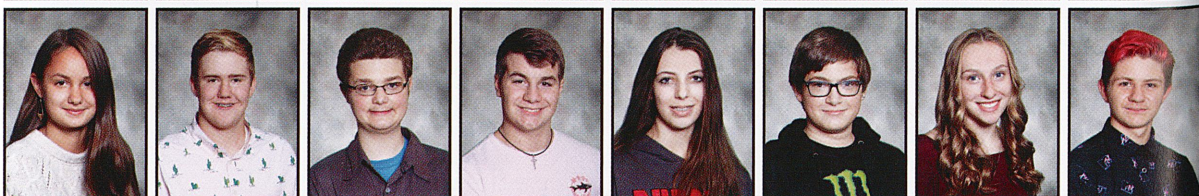
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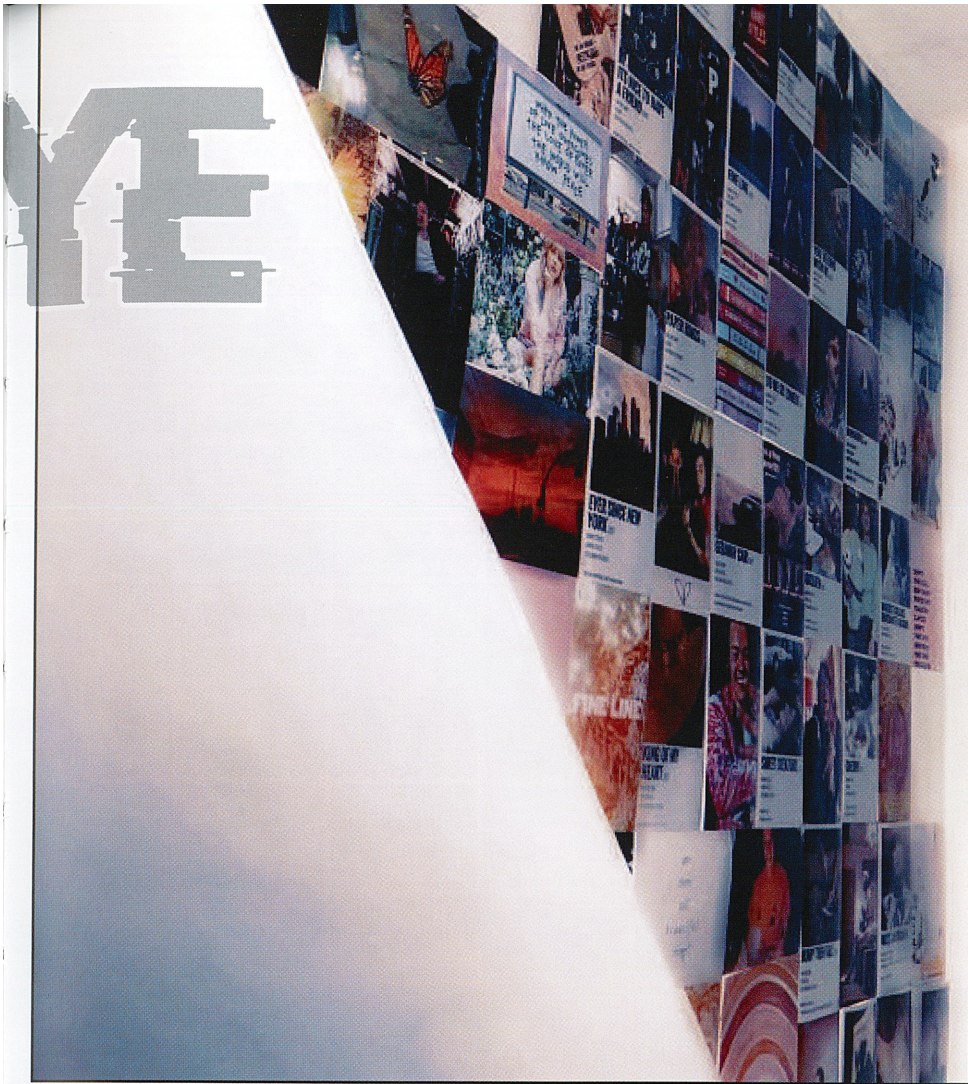


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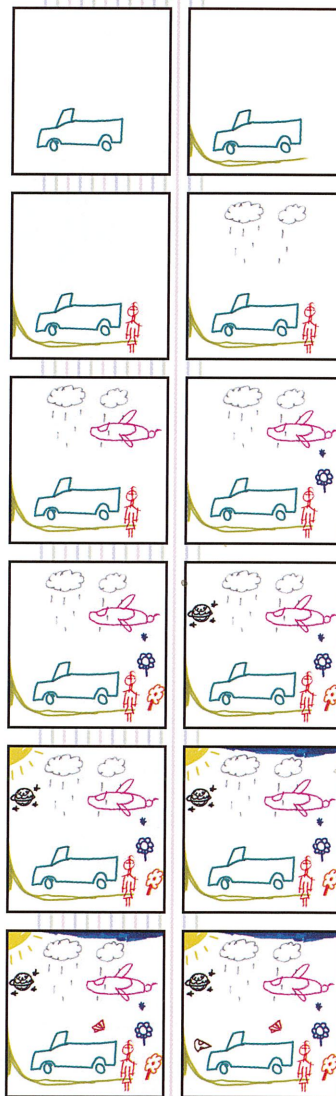
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## Color, music, walls...

To personalize her room, Victoria Crystalloski (9), adds color-coordinated pictures to her walls. "I still have a ton of more pictures to hang up on my other walls, I just haven't had the time to go through and coordinate them yet," Crystalloski said. Crystalloski found the images on Pinterest and then ordered them. Once delivered, she would coordinate the songs with the pictures around them.

## Build a piece of art bit by bit

Twelve students take turns drawing for 10 seconds each to create a shared masterpiece



"I was nine when I finally mastered riding a bike. I learned to ride in gravel before grass."

Johnathan Dibler (9)

"It wasn't until I was seven that I learned to ride. I only remember that was hard to do at first."

Kevin Hrobak (9)

"I was four years old when I learned to ride. I did not want to take my training wheels off until after my brother did due to jealousy."

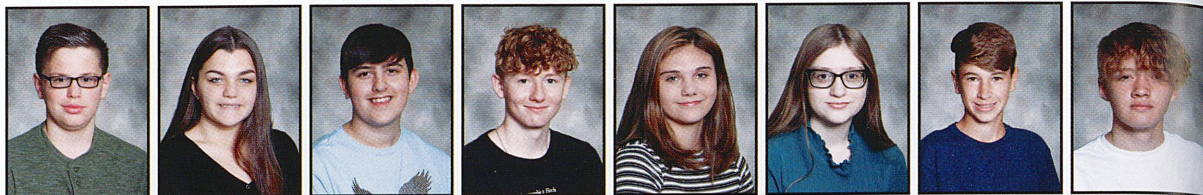
Paul Roberts (9)

Reminisce about learning to ride a bike.

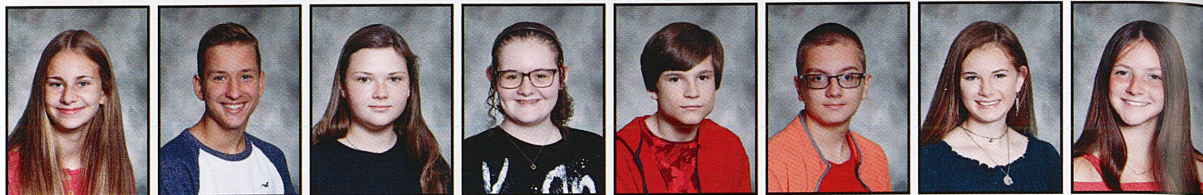
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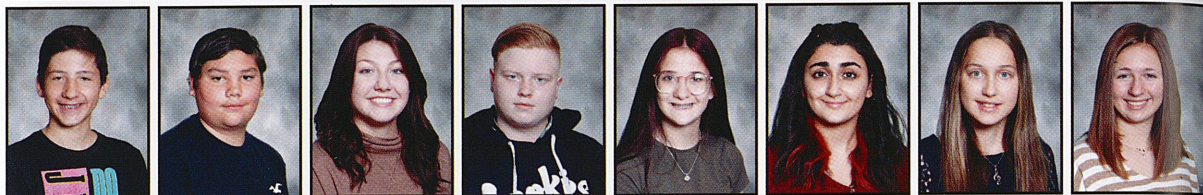
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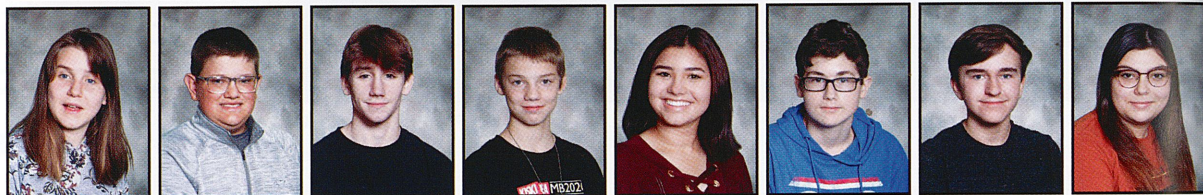
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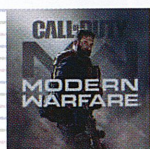


## the gamers

Known to stay up all night playing, freshmen gamers could take on anyone when it came to commitment to particular games. Connected to buddies to battle at three in the morning became quite frequent at the high school.

"I've been known to play Fortnite with my friend Joey, until the sun comes up," Brian Davenport (9) said.

Six students commented on their games of choice.



### Modern Warfare

"I probably play video games about six hours a day. Modern Warfare is my favorite because it's very competitive and fun."

David Peters (9)



### Rainbow Six Siege

"It's just entertaining overall. There's lots of action in it. I play about three hours a day if friends are playing too."

Kyle Petersen (9)



### Animal Crossing

"I really like designing my island in Animal Crossing. Playing video games is very stress-relieving. There isn't anything you have to worry about; you can just do what you want. I play about two hours a day."

Carly Shupe (9)



### Fortnite

"Fortnite takes a lot of strategy. I like Creative mode because I can create my own map. I probably play two to five hours a day."

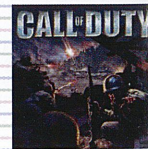
Brian Davenport (9)



### Yo-Kai Watch

"I know everything about it, including the cheats and codes."

Brandon Stiffy (9)



### Call of Duty

"It gets me interested in playing it, and it's fun. I play about an hour a day."

Landon Seman (9)





Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Saturdays on ice...

As Matthew Behrik (9) looks to stop the opponents from scoring, he skates over to get in position. Behrik said, "I play for the Renegades at Harmarville's Alpha Ice Complex. When we play the Allegheny Badgers, it is always a good game since we are evenly matched." Behrik liked his position on defense and started playing hockey five years ago.

### Fun run in the sun...

Prior to the start of the cross country season, Paul Roberts (9), Wyatt Krogh (9), and Justin Tucker (8) meet up at Northmoreland Park for a run. Roberts said, "I keep a running journal and enjoy using math to track the statistics of all of my runs." Roberts got involved in cross country in seventh grade and never looked back.

## grounded quote

"I like that I get to sleep in on weekends."

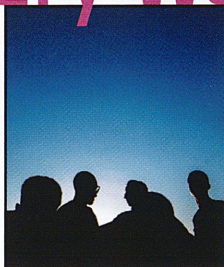
Shawn McDonald (9)

## it's every weekend...



"I go fishing every weekend. My dad and I usually go to Crooked Creek, but sometimes we go other places."

Anthony Pusateri (9)



"I hang out with Adam and Brett Bentley, Sean Adamski, Jackson Newell pretty much every weekend."

Corey Long (9)



"I work at Glenn Bush Ford as a receptionist. It motivates me to get my school work done because I'm there for at least four hours."

Lindsay Bush (9)



"I draw and paint every weekend. I browse Pinterest and recreate things that I like in my own style."

Faith Skowronek (9)

Do you have something that you do most every weekend of the year? If so, what?

"I like to hang out with my family and do art sometimes. I like to paint, draw, and color."

Andrew Kerr (9)

What do you like to do on the weekends?

"I spend time with my family on the weekends, and I am always helping my little brother fix his bike."

Ayden Brown (9)

"I like to go outside and do whatever."

Chloe Welshans (9)

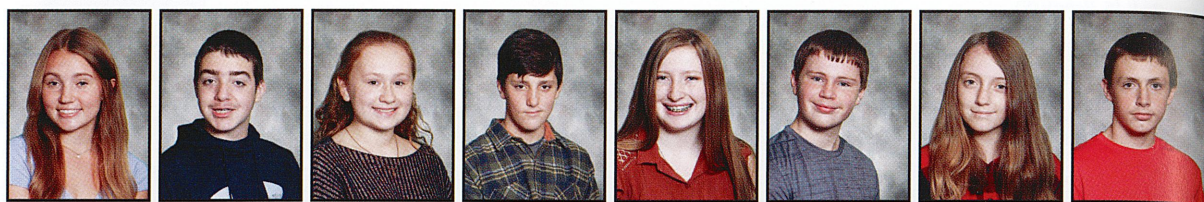
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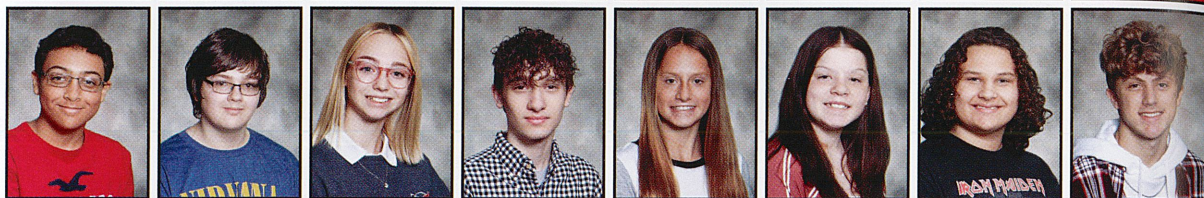
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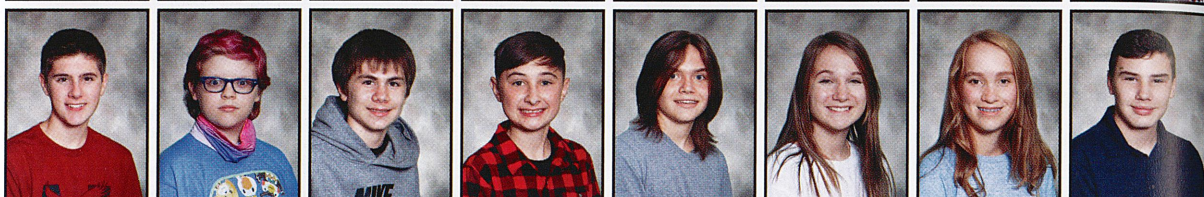
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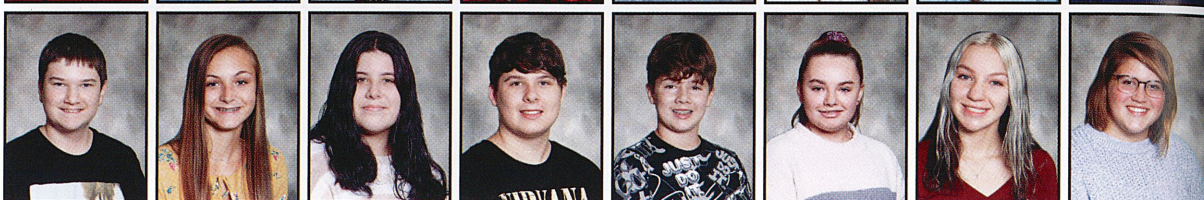
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# SNAKES spiders, and bugs

Freshmen freak on creepy, crawly critters

Story: R. Fowler (12)

*you're*  
**AFRAID  
OF  
WHAT?**

"A combination of heights and not having stable footing."  
Jonah Pusateri (9)

"I have a fear that the zombie apocalypse is about to occur."

Hayley Zeller (9)

What uncommon fear do you have?

"I am afraid of silence because I don't like being by myself."

Phoebe Richard (9)

Somehow, the trip down the yellow brick road would have seemed more daunting had Dorothy commented on snakes, spiders, and bugs... oh my. Several freshmen discussed their own fears of the critters.

Mackenzie Rainey (9) said, "If I see a spider, I run, I jump, and I cry. If I ever found one on my bed, I seriously would never go in my room again. They are terrifying, ugly, and disturbing. Even the thought of crawly things with lots of legs sends shivers down my spine."

On the same hairy note, Delaney Bell (9) said, "A few years ago, while doing homework on my desk in my room, I noticed something crawling on my bed. It was a spider. I ran out of the room and actually tripped down the stairs. My dad had to come up and kill it for me. It was

so bad that I even made my mother buy me a new pillowcase. There was no way that I was going to let that eight-legged creature find its way into my dreams. A new pillowcase was a must. She should have bought me a new comforter set."

Not all ninth-graders expressed a fear of creepy crawlies.

Andrew Martindale (9) said, "I've never been afraid of snakes, spiders, or most bugs. However, I've been known to run away from a wasp or two."

Similarly, Shawn McDonald (9) said, "Bugs really don't bother me at all, and I've always wanted to own a snake. Still, I absolutely know that there's no way on earth that my mother would allow me to have one. She always says that 'if it doesn't have two or four legs, it doesn't belong in the house.'"





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James See

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Garrett Seymour  
Sara Shannon  
Riley Shearer

" $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ... for some reason the Pythagorean Theorem has stuck with me, whether because it was easy or because when those lessons started my math grade skyrocketed. Most of the time, I use it in place of the distance formula, since Pythagoras' Theorem is basically the same thing but easier."

Declan McManus (10)

Submitted: R. Flick (9)

Submitted: S. Ruperto (9)



### Jaws of life...

Most people's nightmares are what Ryder Flick (9) trains for as a firefighter. "My dad is a firefighter and I joined because I want to help people out. So far I've trained in house fires, rescue, and how to use the jaws of life, and rescue practice," Flick said. Flick has been a firefighter with Station 67 Bell Township since February 2019.

### Flyin' high in the sky...

As Savhanna Ruperto (9) vacations in Myrtle Beach, SC, she and her cousin Mike parasail over the Atlantic Ocean. Ruperto said, "The anticipation of flying in the sky was scarier than actually being up there. The weather was beautiful and it was so relaxing and peaceful." Ruperto relished the banana boat trip out into the ocean and the 15 minute parasail ride.

"That a triangle is 180 degrees; it was memorable to me because it is an assigned value."

Sophia Peltier (10)

"Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally. That is stuck in my head and easy to recall when I need to think about the order of operations."

Brandon Stiffy (10)

Name a math concept that really stuck with you.

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### Multitasking single reed...

While playing the clarinet, Ambur Orowitz (9) follows Mr. Pityk's conducting, listens to those around her, and reads the music on her Chromebook screen. "Whenever I was in 5th grade, I never thought I would be where I am now. My favorite part about playing clarinet is learning new pieces and techniques. I've been working on Mozart's Clarinet Concerto Solo," Orowitz said. Orowitz also enjoyed performing in the marching band and planned on continuing to perfect her clarinet skills.



Photo: S. Gracey (fac)

### Loud night...

In period one Concert Band, Calder Gee (9) performs Silent Night. "Right now, it's probably the closest thing to normal and the only thing that I'm having fun with," Gee said. Gee participated in both Concert band and Jazz Band but preferred Jazz Band.



Photo: S. Gracey (fac)

# DANCE

## just have to do it...

Two freshmen dancers discuss love for activity

Story: R. Fowler (12)



From *Dancing with the Stars* to the *Masked Dancer*, the musical art of movement has tapped its way into the forefront of American culture. Two freshmen commented on their love of dance and experiences in performing.

Having taken dance lessons since the age of three, Isabella Bendtsen (9) has developed her skills in a variety of dance genres.

"My favorite style of dance is acro or lyrical/contemporary. I'm pretty flexible, and that

lends itself to acro really well. I love lyrical dance because of how slow and elegant it is," Bendtsen said.

Bendtsen used her dancing talents since seventh grade in cheerleading, and she competed in the district Key Club Talent Show for six years—winning a few times.

Sara Shannon (9) also expressed her love for dancing. Taking lessons at *Just Dance by Justine Albert* in Vandergrift, Shannon loved using her body to tell a story.

"Even though I never went competitive with my dance, both of my sisters did. I was always involved in other sports and activities. I just didn't have the time," Shannon said.

She recently auditioned for winterguard with no previous guard experience.

"Winter guard is a very tedious activity that allows the audience to experience the thoughts, feelings, and theme of the show. I was so excited that I actually made the Scholastic A squad," Shannon said.

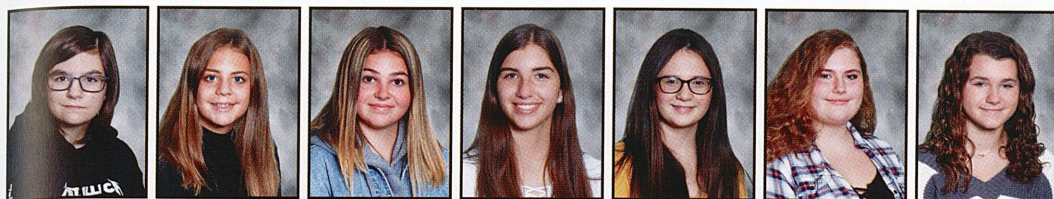
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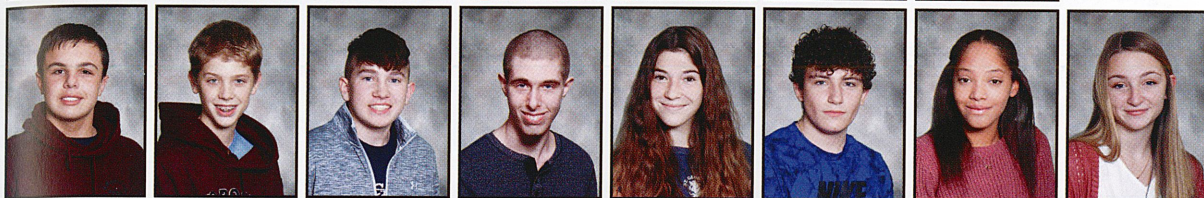
# grounded quote

"Music helps me with my emotions; I love 70s rock, punk bands, and vocaloid music."

Merlin Libent (9)



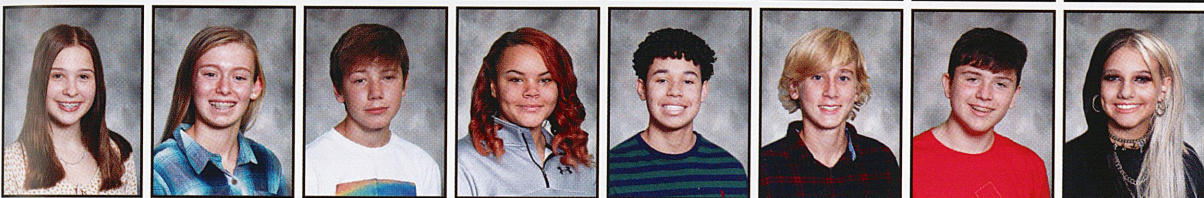
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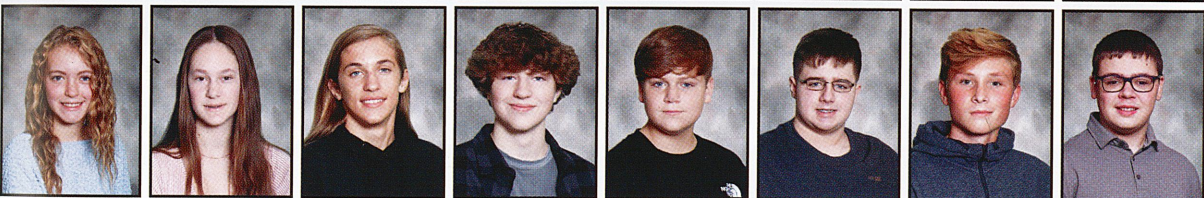
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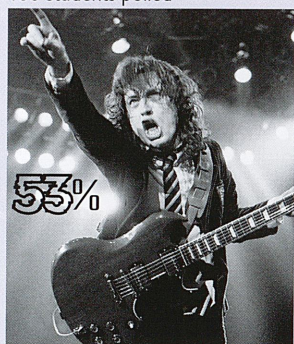
## choice of three

"Classic Rock" edition...

Still popular at the high school, students still rocked out to groups that originated in the '60s and '70s. From *Thunderstruck* to *Stairway to Heaven* to *Piano Man*, iconic songs of decades past still play loudly in the earbuds of freshmen.

On that note, students had to pick one of the three bands here to reign as supreme... the one iconic band of classic rock.

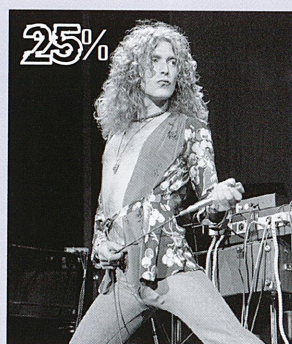
100 students polled



AC/DC

"Why did you make me choose? It's an impossible choice. I picked AC/DC over Led Zep and Billy Joel simply because of Angus Young and Brian Johnson."

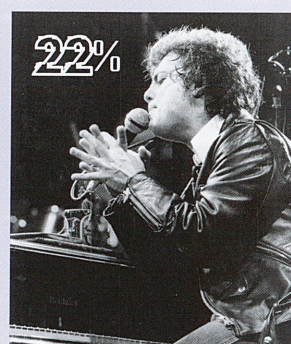
Declan McManus (9)



Led Zeppelin

"Led Zeppelin was a legend. Their music was amazing and a lot of fun. I consider them a staple in classic rock and in grunge; they are simply amazing."

Caylie Tursky (9)



Billy Joel

"Have you listened to the radio lately? Have you heard the canned, frozen and processed product being dished up to the world as American popular music?"

Mackenzie Rainey (9)

"I tried the flute. I never found it fun. It was sort of cool at the beginning, but I guess I am not a musical person."

Ellie Hecker (9)

Discuss an instrument you played in elementary school.

"I tried percussion, but I stopped because the teacher picked favorites and she didn't like me, so I quit. I would have kept doing it though."

Kaitlyn Ritter (9)

"The clarinet... I play it in concert band and marching band. I like the sound of it. When you play it right and with good tone, it is pretty."

Tatiana Holt (9)

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## Uno desviación...

Instead of doing schoolwork, Declan McManus (9), Dylan Paradis (9), Daniel Walters (9), and Tyler Hobbins (9) engage in a spirited game of *Uno* during Resource. Hobbins said, "It is the game that ruins friendships." The crew changed it up after Christmas with a card game version of computer classic *The Oregon Trail*.

# One last chance to get in the yearbook

Whether parents or students felt uncomfortable coming to the school to get their underclassmen picture taken, families had to decide how they wanted to have their son or daughter displayed in the 2021 *Campus* Yearbook. With the ease that students could maintain their classes from home, many felt a trip to the high school not worth the risk.

Ms. Heather Zeller, mother of Haley Zeller (9), said, "We are homeschooling and are uncomfortable coming in for a picture to be taken in person at the school."

Ms. Amanda Reed, mother of Chloe Reed (9), said, "Chloe has missed every picture day due to either being sick or in quarantine."

The *Campus* staff felt that allowing parents to submit a picture of their child or using the previous year's picture would help to offset the high volume of non-photographed students. This one-time change lent itself nicely to the theme of the yearbook, as it certainly broke new ground.

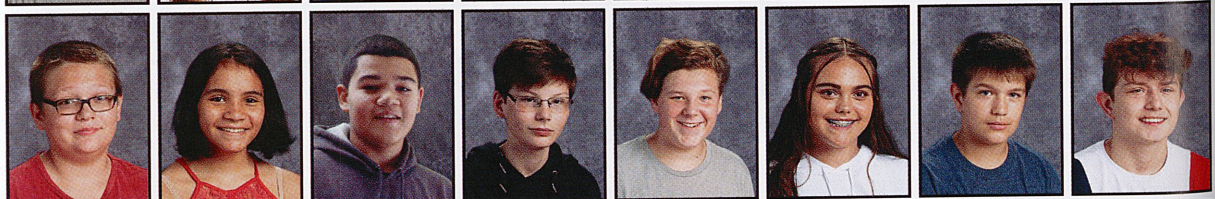


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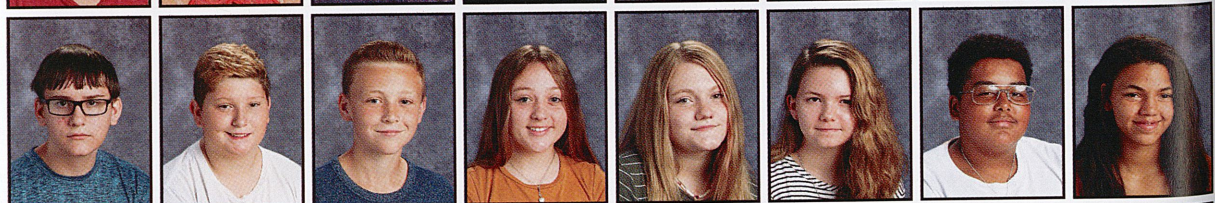
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# NO WORK

## more play

Story: R. Frye (10)

Freshmen find ways to procrastinate instead of doing schoolwork.

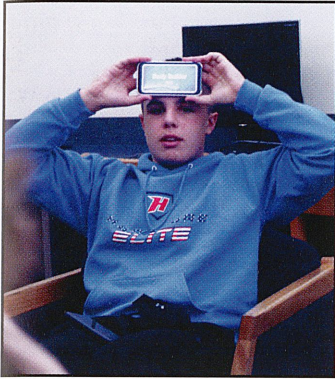


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Life held many distractions from getting everyday chores done. Some included too much time spent on phones, social media, gaming consoles, etc. Distractions could cause many people to fall behind in their duties in everyday life. Many freshmen encountered the distraction of their phones. For teenagers, that seemed to represent the norm.

As for Joshua Roden (9), his distraction came from the presidential election.

"My distraction was worrying that Biden will be president," Roden said.

The 2020 election prompted discussions and distractions for many people.

"The thing that distracts me from doing my chores at home or at school is just not wishing to. When I don't wish to do something at

school or at home I find anything and everything else to distract me from doing it. Whether it be my phone or that beautiful wall in front of me that is white, right now it's a mural of a crowded city with lots of interesting things that I was not into before, yet I'm into them now," Phoebe Richard (9) said.

During an eighth period Resource, Jacob Smith (9) found a way, other than schoolwork, to pass the time.

Smith said, "We played Heads Up! one day, an app that I downloaded which is like charades. It was both fun and funny. Taleen [Jawoosh (9)] had to act out defusing a bomb. That was a tough one for me to guess."

Distractions come to everyone in different ways, but they all lead to incomplete tasks.

grounded quote

"Everything distracts me. I am distracted easily."

Abigail Reynolds (9)

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Chloe Reed  
Fred Ridener  
Kaitlyn Ritter  
Joshua Roofner

Aaliyah Russo  
Christian Shick  
John Shirey  
Marissa Steele  
Natalie Swartz  
Brian Thomas  
William Uhing

"My emails, I see them everywhere."

Ella Hainan (9)

Discuss something that distracts you from getting your work done.

"The fact that the rest of the internet is right in front of you. It's not just a distraction, it's also a lack of motivation."

Shawna Basara-Tingler (9)

"Seeing my instruments... I end up grabbing them and playing them. I feel the need to start playing them."

Sara Shannon (9)

FRESHMEN AGAIN

Distractions 095





#### A stitch in time...

As Mrs. McCluske (fac) discusses beginning embroidery, she helps Savannah Ruperto (9) pick the best stitch to use for her pillow. "We learn all kinds of stitches in Fashion and Design. While some stitches are utilitarian, I like to focus on the artsy side of stitches," McCluske said. She indicated the class took on the name Fashion and Design since its former name, Clothing, seemed a little dated.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

Story: R. Fowler (12)

# MORNING

## *steps add up quickly*

Upper cafeteria staff travels miles to stock shelves

Submitted: J. Swanson (fac)



1012 feet one way. That's almost a half-mile for one complete trip. With two trips a day, that amounted to about four miles per week.

That's how far Upper Cafeteria Head Tammy Boyd traveled every morning on her trip to restock the upper cafe with food items that they needed for the day.

Usually, around 7:35 AM, Boyd gathered her cart and started the long trek through the 400 and 300 buildings toward the lower cafeteria.

"I do my best to avoid all the students as they're entering the

building. They can definitely see me coming," Boyd said.

As the upper cafeteria had no ice machine or stovetops, much of the menu items each day had to come from the other side of the school in the lower cafeteria. Picking up all the necessary items could take up to 30 minutes or so each morning.

"Sometimes, the trip doesn't take too long. It all depends on the menu each day. For instance, today, I had to pick up all the cooked taco meat and fixings for lunch. That didn't take too long to pack up and haul. On certain days, however, it takes

a lot longer to get everything ready, on the cart, and balanced enough to make the trip," Boyd said.

With so many trips back and forth, staying fit didn't pose a problem for the upper cafeteria ladies who made the jaunts daily.

Boyd said, "By 10:30 AM some days, I've already had 10,000 steps in. You'd think I would lose weight in the process. That, unfortunately, doesn't seem to be the case."



# grounded quote

"I will never forget the early years when I didn't have a room. I had a wobbly cart. And I had to push it outside. Over ice. Good times."

Mr. Fantaski (fac)



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In-school Remediation  
**Ralph Antenucci**  
Economics, Psychology  
**Jenny Baum**  
Honors English III  
**Ryan Berberich**  
PE 10-12, Health 9, Boys PE 9  
**Thomas Berzonsky**  
AP English Literature, Contemporary English IV

**Gina Bono**  
Honors English I  
**Jen Bowman**  
Athletic Secretary  
**Laura Bowman**  
Classroom Aide  
**Karen Brady (Dept. Head)**  
French I, French II, French III, French IV  
**Alison Bresnahan**  
Earth and Space Science, AP Environmental Science

**Amy Calisti**  
AP Computer Science Principles, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus  
**Kaitly Chou**  
Chinese I, Chinese II, Chinese III, Chinese IV, Chinese V  
**James Christie**  
Honors Modern World History  
**Dee Cortazzo**  
Pre-Calculus, Algebra II  
**Hannah Crusan**  
Classroom Assistant

**Joseph Culler**  
Geometry 10/11, Algebra II  
**Heather Deal**  
Learning Support - Honors English IV, Contemporary English IV  
**James DeLuca**  
Technology Services  
**Emily DePanici-Saxton**  
Honors English II  
**Francis DeSantis**  
Honors Physics, AP Physics C

**Carl Donati**  
Life Skills  
**Anna Eichner**  
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Spanish II  
**Jaclyn Garlick (Dept. Head)**  
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**Dana George**  
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**Anthony Gonnella**  
Assistant Principal  
**Sarah Gracey**  
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**Alan Gray**  
InDesign, Intro to Business Information Technology, Video Game Design

**Erin Guzzie**  
Culinary Principles, Global Cuisine, Baking and Pastry  
**John Guzzie**  
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**Lynnann Hald**  
Geometry, Algebra II  
**Julie Hansen**  
Main Office Secretary  
**Kyle Harris**  
Classroom Aide

## take time to step away



### The Pityks

To get away for a week in July, Mr. and Mrs. Pityk took their children Aleigh, Lillian, and Ethan to Surfside Beach in South Carolina. They stayed in a beachhouse with other family members.



### The Schaeffers

Led by Mrs. Schaeffer's son Jacob, the McCoogs, McCafferty's, and Schaeffers spent part of Labor Day weekend on Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. The group of cousins were all sons or daughters of former Kiski graduates.

"Mon voyage le plus inoubliable était quand j'ai passé un mois en Espagne à l'âge de 20 ans. Je suis tombée amoureuse de parler aux gens (ou au moins d'essayer) dans leur propre langue. Tous les gens étaient si sympas. C'était le moment où j'ai décidé de faire mes études en langue étrangère."

Madame Karen Brady (fac)

Discuss your most memorable trip.

"In college I spent a semester in Puebla, México. I lived with a mother and her two children. Only the little girl, who was 12 at the time, spoke English. I learned so much Spanish and all about Mexican culture, but most surprising was how close I became to that family. I really felt like that little girl, Yamel, was my sister. I felt the problems that the family had: like running out of water some days and having a rat come up through the toilet. I saw the world differently after that semester. I am still in contact with Yamel, who is now 45 and living in Germany."

"Wherever you go, there you are."

Amy Calisti (fac)

Senora Pam Rhine-Garcia (fac)

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Travel in Style

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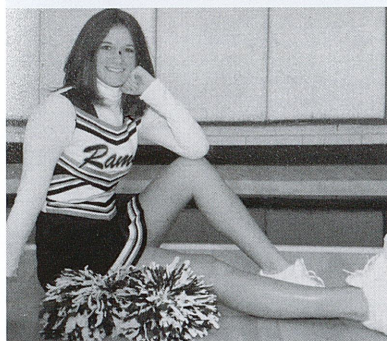
# gymnastics, dance and stunts

Several high school teachers learned about leadership and passion while on their alma maters' cheer team. They went from cheering on their fellow classmates on the court and field to cheering for their students in the classroom and around the school.



## North Catholic Cheer...

"Cheerleading has always been my passion. Between cheerleading, coaching, and judging, the sport holds a special place in my heart." *Mrs. Jenn McAfee*



## Highlands Cheer...

"I loved being part of a team. Cheerleading is unique, there is no back up. If someone gets hurt on a stunt, the cheer and dance has to be completely redone." *Mrs. Regina Slater*



## Plum Cheer...

"Cheering and being a member of the Track and Field team created some of my most memorable moments with my friends and teammates from high school. These activities were also the beginning of a lifelong love of running and exercise." *Ms. Lindsay Smith*

*Jana Heasley*  
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*Chris Heater*  
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Transportational Technology I, Transportational  
Technology II, Mechanical Engineering  
*Zach Jankowski*  
Academic Comprehensive Mathematics, AP Statistics  
*Lindsey Katora-Pityk*  
Honors English I  
*Beverly Kocan*  
Learning Support - Resource Room

*Laura Laero*  
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*Jennifer Lang*  
Learning Support - Honors Contemporary America,  
*Alesha Lindo*  
Emotional Support  
*Jason Lohr*  
Assistant to the Superintendent  
*Melyssa Lynch*  
Studio Art I/II, Advanced Drawing I/II, Advanced  
Creative Design

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Behavior Specialist  
*Jennifer McAfee*  
Economics, Criminal Law, American Government  
*Jamie McCluske*  
Child Development, Fashion and Design I/II/III, Nursery  
School Lab  
*James McKenzie*  
Honors US History II  
*Sara McMeans*  
Cavalier Choir, Show Choir, Symphonic Choir

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AP English 11, Honors English III, Creative Writing  
*Daniel Moran*  
Algebra I  
*Laura Novak (Dept. Head)*  
Baking and Pastry, Independent Living, Elements of Food  
*Tyler Odrachowski*  
Honors Modern World History, Honors US History II  
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PE 10-12

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Repertoire, Band  
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*Fran Pugliese*  
Honors Biology  
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School Counselor

*Melissa Ray*  
School Nurse  
*Holly Richert*  
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Processing, Introduction to Engineering, Transportational  
Technology II, Robotics Technology, Automation Technology  
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*Chad Roland*  
Principal

*Suzie Roush*  
Principals' Secretary  
*Justine Royer*  
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*Kristy Scalise (Dept. Head)*  
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*Melissa Schaeffer*  
AP Calculus, AP Computer Science, JAVA, AP Calculus  
*Julie Schlessinger*  
Learning Support - Honors English III

*Timothy Scott*  
District Superintendent  
*Master Sergeant Dawn Serakowski*  
Air Force JROTC  
*Thomas Shea*  
Honors Contemporary America  
*Terra Shreffler*  
Geometry 9, Geometry 10/11  
*Beth Silowash*  
Learning Support - Algebra I

*Regina Slater*  
School Counselor  
*Lindsay Smith (Dept. Head)*  
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*Matthew Smith*  
Assistant Principal  
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Technology Services  
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Honors US History II, AP US History





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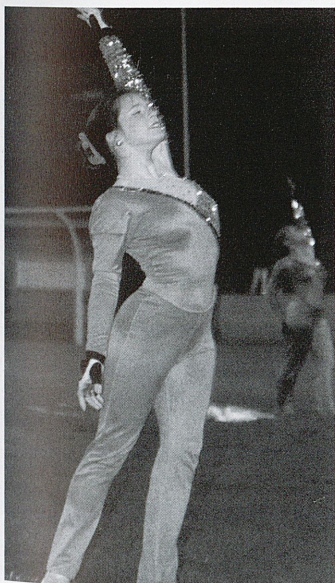
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### Stellar game...

At McKinley Field in Brookville, PA, third baseman Mr. Culler drops back for a fly ball against the PGP Huskers of Clearfield. Culler said, "When you play with the big boys, you have to sacrifice your body to make plays." In the game he had a double and a grand slam in two at-bats. He scored two runs, and drove in seven.

Photo: Courier Express (Brookville)



Photos Submitted: L. Pityk (fac)



### Guarded post...

Following in the older steps of her older brothers, Mrs. Lindsey Pityk (fac) performs as a freshman in the color guard. Pityk said, "My two older brothers were in the marching band so it was just natural for me to join. When I'd go to watch my brothers' performances, watching the color guard was always my favorite part." Pityk reminisced about how she loved performing in front of a packed stadium and the great times with her friends on the bus rides and during football games.

### Band for life...

During a break in the action at a performance from his high school days, Mr. Shawn Pityk (fac) shows that only the strong can truly handle the tuba. Pityk said, "I pursued becoming a band instructor because my high school directors were very supportive in encouraging me to explore my music talents as a career." This picture graced the cover of the 1998 *Campus* yearbook.

### Still serving...

As Ms. Alesha Lindo (fac) hearkens back to her high school playing days, she reflects on her playing days at Burrell High School. "I started playing volleyball in seventh grade and continued through high school. While I didn't play in college, I do play in adult rec leagues," Lindo said. She took on the role of assistant volleyball coach with a former high school teammate at Burrell in the fall.



Submitted: A. Lindo (fac)

"I shot a 73 at the Apollo Elks in the fall of 2019. But I did shoot a hole-in-one on the par three, 210 yard ninth hole at the Apollo Elks in 2007. I thought I miss-hit it, but when my partner pulled out the flag to complete his putt, my ball was sitting in the bottom of the cup."

Mr. Zach Jankowski (fac)

Discuss your best round of golf.

"Just a couple of years ago in 2019, I shot a 79 at the Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. I was pleased to shoot three birdies in one round."

Mr. Tom Shea (fac)

"I had it all working the day I golfed my best round of 18 holes at the Links at Spring Church when I shot a 100. I not only shot a par on one hole, I also got a birdie."

Mr. Dave Williamson (fac)

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Fit for Life

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# 10 years back...



## Where's the lasagna?

On an In-Service day before the start of school, Principals Gonnella, O'Neil, and Roland cook burgers and dogs on the grill for the entire high school faculty. Principal Gonnella said, "It was a privilege to cook for my teachers. It was the least that I could do for the best teaching staff in the state of Pennsylvania." He then questioned why the planners did not include lasagna and pasta fagioli on the menu.

(Photo/caption from 2011 Campus Yearbook)

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**Suzanne Swarmer**  
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**John Tedorski**  
Director of Technology Services and Instruction

**Ann Valeski (Dept. Head)**  
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**Nicole Wadsworth**  
Learning Support - Academic Literature, Algebra II  
**Christopher Watkinson**  
Honors Physics, AP Physics I, Principles of Technology I  
**Joanne White**  
AP Computer Science, Personal Finance, Web Design, Video Game Design I  
**Jessie Wien**  
Honors Chemistry

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**Erin Witucki**  
Honors Chemistry, Astronomy, Honors Biology  
**Kristin Wolverton**  
Classroom Aide  
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## Step by step...

To repair both sets of stairs in the atrium, Mark Poskus (staff) carefully places double-sided tape on the backs of the new coverings. "This job was a lot of work and took over two weeks to complete. Water from students' shoes and boots had gotten behind and under the stair treads and stair face coverings. We had to grind off the old glue and rust, as well as cut the new pieces to fit perfectly and tape them all into place."



Photos P. Fantaski (fac)

## grounded quote

"The Creekside Diner has been a great sponsor for the cross country team so we wanted to reciprocate their generosity. Faculty members could order in a delivered lunch the last day before Christmas break. Thank you to everyone for 'rounding up' on your bills."

**Mr. Tom Berzonsky (fac)**

"SmartMusic. I can see myself using it in the future. I like that students have access to their music no matter where they are."

**Mrs. Nichole Hartline-Heiny (fac)**



# LEADING behind the screen

School board  
meets virtually

Story: R. Fowler (12)



The requirement to provide access to public school board meetings by the community presented a problem due to the pandemic. The KA School Board moved from in-person meetings to a Google Meet/YouTube method of delivering information.

School Board Secretary Chris Pastva said, "With the transition to BoardDocs in 2016, using Chromebooks and online agendas had become the normal way of conducting the meetings. When we had to go virtually it wasn't as difficult. Of course, weather and Internet connections can be tricky at times. In June, a thunderstorm played havoc with the meeting. Public comment

at first was awkward, but now it is working smoothly. People may send their comments before the meeting or make comments during the meeting by email to me, and I read those into record. The most notable thing that I have seen is that more people are watching the live stream of the meetings on YouTube than ever attended in person. The student representatives to the Board have been outstanding. Especially now, I think it helps the Board to hear what the students are doing and how they feel about their school. It keeps everything in perspective."

School Board President Cassi Heinle said, "Meeting online has been a positive experience.

Technically speaking, Kiski's administration has made the process both effective and simple. It took us a couple of meetings to get some of the quirks worked out, but just like everyone else, we are learning to adapt. Personally, there is no comparison to meeting in the KA Board Room and having face to face conversation, but, under the circumstances, I feel that we have done well."

The pandemic forced many changes in education, with some to remain permanent. Online broadcasts of school board meetings may continue far into the future.

## Staffs and Board



Carol Arndt  
Lower Cafeteria Staff  
Tammy Boyd  
Upper Cafeteria Staff Head  
Lisa Cribbs  
Lower Cafeteria Staff  
Danielle Dohmen  
Upper Cafeteria Staff



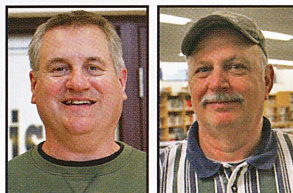
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Maintenance Staff  
Erica Ferguson  
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Lower Cafeteria Staff  
Jeff Williams  
Maintenance Staff  
John Young  
Maintenance Staff



### School Board

Front Row: Cassandra Heinle, Timothy Scott, Michelle Schmidt, Christine Pastva;  
Back Row: Deborah Williamson, Jessica Johns, Ronald Coleman Jr., Mark Flemm, Amy Shaffer, Harlan Jervis; Not pictured: Kathleen Snyder.

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Nichole Hartline-Heiny  
Cavalier Choir, Symphonic Voice, Treble Voices  
Officer Charity Hollis  
School Resource Officer  
Steve Pachesky  
Band

What new  
technology did  
you recently start  
using in class?

"My Fitbit watch... I love that I can check the weather before each PE class for outdoor activities. I also like that I am notified when I get an important phone call and it also tracks my steps."

Mrs. Marissa Padasak (fac)

"iPad with Apple Pencil to run Google Meets from home using the Notability App/Google Meets... I am able to teach from literally anywhere and do not have to rely upon having an Elmo to teach with when working from home."

Mrs. Lynnann Hald (fac)

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Make It Work

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# AC





# ACADEMICS

## Welds well...

While practicing his welding techniques, Cameron Wolverton (12) envisions himself working on pipelines, bridges, and buildings in the future. "I plan to go right into a welders' union because that is where the money is," Wolverton said. He credited his teacher at Northern Westmoreland CTC, Mr. George Kirk, for really pushing him to do his best on his certifications.

## BREAKING NEW GROUND

### A new testing ground: at home or in class

Story: R. Fowler (12)

We took tests at home which made using notes fair game.

We saved a lot of paper since we turned in our assignments through Google Classroom.

We sat in almost empty classrooms with maybe only one or two other students.

We used our phones to send pictures of assignments back and forth.

In science, we completed labs virtually.

Our home ovens baked goodies assigned in Mrs. Novak's and/or Mrs. Guzzie's class.

We kept physical education logs that tracked our exercise at home.

On DeltaMath, we took math tests.

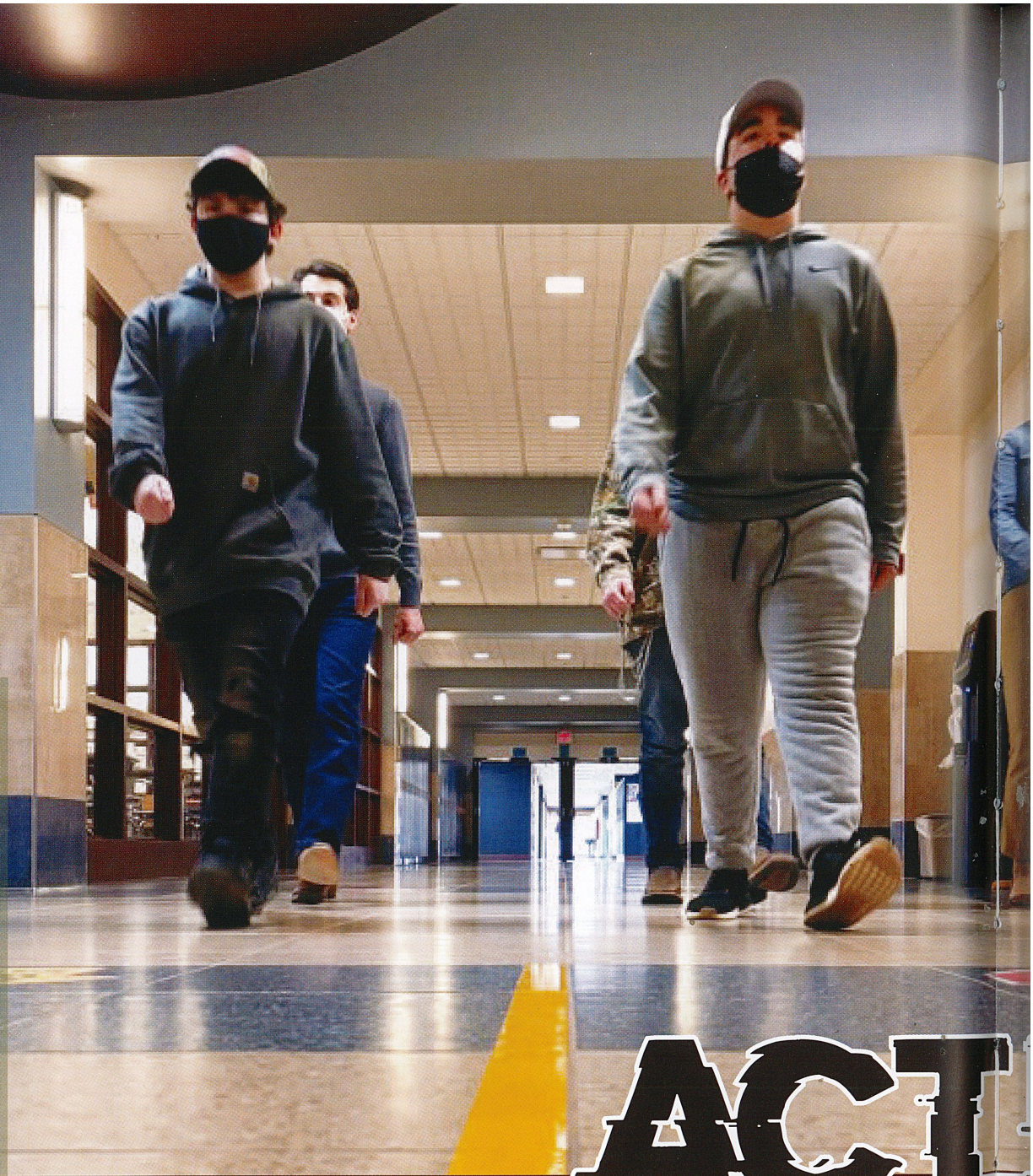
We rewatched Mrs. Valeski's Accounting class recording to better understand how to prepare financial statements.

Many of us listened to class from the comfort of our beds while still wearing our pajamas (cameras off, obviously).

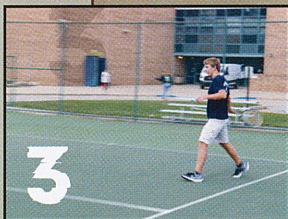
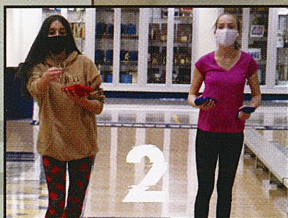
We read our independent novels including Joy Luck Club and Lord of the Flies on our Chromebooks rather than from books.

We listened to announcements that told us to take home our Chromebooks due to school going virtual.





Physical education keeps the fitness going.



Physical education class continued as best it could with the COVID-19 pandemic affecting it. With fewer students showing up for class in-person, teachers scrambled for activities that could occur in smaller groups. From tossing footballs to cornhole to tennis outdoors, students found ways to burn calories and enjoy the fun and purposeful activities.

- 1) Nicolas Whitesell (11) and Mr. Larry Enciso (fac)
- 2) Abigail Reynolds (9) and Ambur Orowitz (9)
- 3) Quentin Wilson (10)

### Marching methodically...

After learning the importance of starting their march on their left feet, Buddy Riggle (11), Collin Tantlinger (9), Cameron Walker (12), and John Delbene (12) practice their steps in front of the library. "I found this exercise to be pretty cool and a good thing to learn for anyone going into the military," Riggle said. Riggle planned on joining the Air Force after graduation.



"On my bus ride to school, I usually zone out and enjoy the ride."

Cole Ganter (11)



"Pandemic Pick-Me-Up Tuesdays are cool. I entered to win a gift card and sent a friendly note to a friend. Great way to end the day."

Cassia Remencus (10)

## Coming AND Going

What do you think about before and after school?

# ACT



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Relative time...

While learning about the intricacies of the movement of Earth with regards to solar noon, Ms. Bresnahan explains the activity to Cameron Walker (12). "In this lab we learned how to make a makeshift sundial and read it. We discussed when solar noon occurs and how it differs throughout the year," Walker said. He planned to study history education at St. Vincent College in the fall.



# Roll on down

## the hallway

### Taking a pointer...

Early in the rubber band powered car project in Transportation 1, Eric Rocco (11) consults with Tyler Held (11) about his car. "The great thing about this class is that we are encouraged to help each other out," Rocco said. When he moved back into the district, Rocco found his niche in the tech. ed. classes.



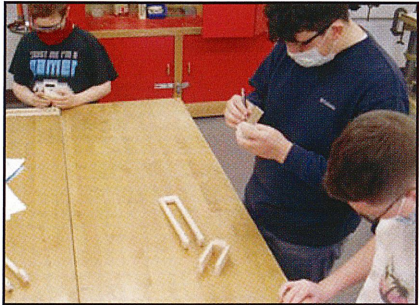
### Heater guidance...

Not wanting to mess up the next step, Tyler Held (11) consults with Mr. Heater regarding his rubber band powered car. Held said, "Mr. Heater was a huge help on this project. I appreciated his help at every step of the process." Held planned to capture the crown that goes to the student that takes the most technology education classes.



### Making a car go...

While assembling the roof to his rubber band powered car, Samuel Coleman (11) tries to improve his car's movement via maximizing its aerodynamics. Coleman said, "Unfortunately, we ran out of time to finish, so I never got to race mine." Coleman became a veteran of tech. ed. classes having enrolled in Manufacturing, Advanced Materials, CADD, and Graphics Design.



Photos: V. Hogan (12)



# SPIN

## the wheel to throw pottery

During an introduction to ceramics lesson, Jackson Bielek (11) learns how to throw clay on the pottery wheel. Bielek said, "It was really neat to get my hands dirty throwing clay for the first time." Bielek had taken a variety of art classes each year.

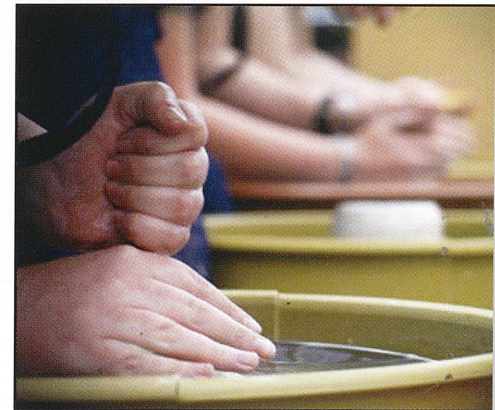


Photo: L. Dubac (12)

# IONS SPEAK

## louder than screens

Story: R. Frye (10)

### Students appreciate opportunities to get more physically active

While feeling the movement, feeling the unity, feeling the emotions, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) members gathered as one and marched in the hallway.

"To me, marching symbolizes a group of well disciplined, productive, and outgoing people moving in complete unity with pride and dignity," Jacob Schachte (9) said.

Movement incorporates itself into everyday life whether through JROTC, gym class, or even working out at home. Since COVID-19 hit, people have created bad habits that avoid movement.

"I have been less active since Corona hit, mostly because I have no motivation, and to be honest, I was also kind of lazy," Nyeemah Bell (9) said.

However, given the circumstances, some people have chosen to involve themselves in more constructive activities.

"I am more active since COVID-19 hit because my schedule was less crazy, and I was able to take some time to improve myself and be more confident in my own skin," Savannah Renwick (10) said.

Gym class eased most people back into

getting more movement in their life with activities like four-square, basketball, volleyball, hockey, boccer ball, and many more.

"My favorite game to play in gym class is hockey because I grew up playing defense, and I love hockey because my pap, who died of cancer, loved the sport. He was the nicest person I knew, and I strive to be like him," Preston Fedoruk (10) said.

One could say that movement made the world go 'round.

"The longest I ran continuously was eight miles, and for some reason, I felt absolutely amazing."

Ethan Kerr (10)

Discuss the longest distance you have run and how you felt afterward.

"I ran about one and a half miles. I felt exhausted but also really good."

Hunter Akins (9)

"It was like barely a mile for gym class, and I felt exhausted. Running is not my thing."

Zoe Belknap (12)

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## That SMELLS LIKE a memory

Smells emanating from the tech kitchen ranged from strong garlic to the sweet aroma of freshly baked cookies. Students in culinary identified the dish they enjoyed the smell of most.



"Blackened salmon... because it's the origin of cuisine."

Austin Thompson (12)



"Fried chicken gives me a sense of home."

Clayton Smith (11)



"Shrimp... because I like the ocean, and it reminds me of that."

Malikai Bays (12)



"Hash browns. When we make them on the flat top, there's a sweet scent."

Preston Fedoruk (10)



"French toast... because I love the smell and taste of cinnamon."

Mackenzie Williams (9)

# Foot the future

Story: E. Smith (12)

## Entering workforce after high school leads to debt-free start

For so many, their obvious step after graduation involved college or further education. Still, more hands-on oriented students preferred a different path.

On why he decided to enter the vocational program and head directly into the workforce as opposed to attending college, Skyler Locchetta (12) said, "There are a lot of opportunities to make money in trades. I will be able to find a well-paying job right off the bat, instead of being deep in debt for years."

The pinpointed lessons taught allowed tech students to obtain enough experience to jump

directly into the workforce.

Following their passions provided for a good work ethic, which always produced better results.

Vinny Leone (12) said, "Do what you love, and not what they tell you to do. You know yourself better than anyone."

With their polished and sharpened skills, techers started their post-high-school years poised to start off making money, instead of owing it. Armed with a trade for life and a financial step in the right direction, Vo-Tech students cemented their futures in debt-free grounds.

Photo: C. Mydock (12)



### Nursing pressures...

While working on nursing skills, Kristina Deluca (12) and Julianna Ober (12) practice how to take someone's blood pressure. "I've always wanted to do something in the health field," Deluca said. To Ober, nursing sounded like fun and a great way to get out of class.

### Setting for the future...

Practicing on a mannequin head, Jenna Dubac (11) sets curlers in Cosmetology. Dubac said, "I've enjoyed doing hair and nails. My mother went to school for cosmetology." Dubac planned opening and owning her own salon after she graduated.

Photo: L. Mamros (12)



### Brake for success...

As Dustin Taylor (12) and Matt Price (12) work on a Jeep, they inspect the wiring of the rear brake lights. Taylor said, "I love cars, and I just want to work on them." Taylor started in the auto body shop his freshman year.



Photo: L. Mamros (12)

"I helped build a log splitter and welded it. It took us three days."

Tyler Rearic (10)



# SON



## Capture the moment...

During his day A experience at Vo-Tech, Zackary Townsend (12) finds the best angle to take the picture. "This is the perfect program for me. I plan on doing photography after I graduate," Townsend said. He planned to use his certification to go directly into the workforce.

Photo: L. Mamros (12)

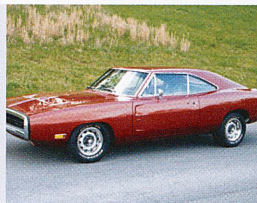
## car dreams

For some, it's the look. For others, it's the power of the engine or sentimentality. Auto shop students dreamed about their ultimate car to work on or own.



"2000 Dodge Challenger, because I like the way it looks."

Matthew Price (12)



"'91 Dodge Charger. I like it because of the horsepower it has."

Dustin Taylor (12)



"'94 Mustang. My dad had one, so I grew up around it."

Tyler Conley (12)



"1970-1980 Dodge Charger. It has a lot of sentimental value to me."

Austin Lawhead (11)

Discuss a project you've recently completed.

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"I built my gaming PC in about 3 hours."

Dylan Paradis (9)

Colton Ripper (12)

"I am currently building a project truck that my family has since it was new in 1979. It'll be a big accomplishment when it's finished because it was my grandfather's, and I unfortunately never got to meet him; he passed away in 2000."



"The main reason I selected the 100% online method of instruction was because I knew it was going to be more convenient and safer with the whole pandemic going on."

Lorna Shevchenko (11)

### Applefest...

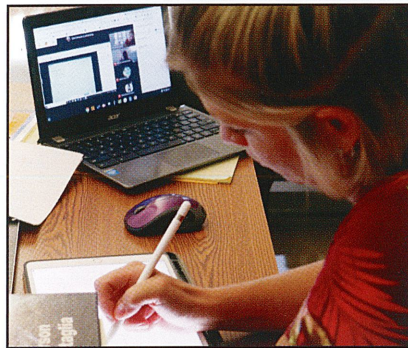
While Mrs. Cortazzo instructs her online students, she demonstrates the ease with which she can use her iPad Air. "Teaching online has gone so much better than it did last spring. The Apple iPad Air has been my savior," Cortazzo said. Her daughter Delaney, who came home from chiropractic school in Dallas at the shutdown, gave her the iPad and taught her how to use it.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Lunchtime elbow room...

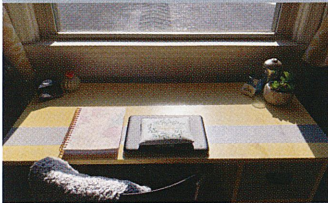
On the first hybrid day of school, Savanna Atkinson (9) meets up with her friend Aliahya Green (9) to enjoy her cafeteria cuisine during lunch. "I don't like this current hybrid schedule during lunch. I have a group of friends that I have eaten lunch with since 7th grade. Some are at the end of the alphabet, and some are online students. So, it is just Aliahya and me for now," Atkinson said. She indicated that she preferred a four-day, in-person, hybrid schedule over the two-day schedule.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



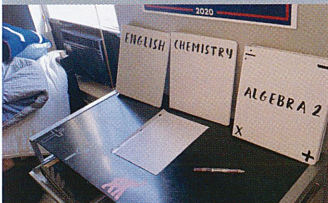
## home work station

Students create their ideal home school environment



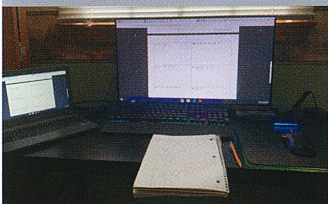
"My desk actually used to be my older sister's desk, and we brought it back into my room for hybrid schooling. I have a few things on it, but my favorites are my painted rock that says *Be Kind* and my succulent."

Grace Claxon (11)



"My workspace has been so helpful throughout the year. My desk is in my room, and I have no distractions when I am in there."

Jackson Newell (10)



"My at-home workstation is in my room. I have my Chromebook connected to my monitor, and I have a mouse and keyboard."

Jalen Sidwell (12)



"Now that I'm used to it, I don't really sit at my desk anymore. I just wake up, wash my face, eat, and make my bed. Then, I will sit on my bed or floor to do work. In the beginning, going to my desk helped me get in the swing of things again and kept me organized, to say the least."

Olivia Hansen (12)



Photo: H. Crosby (12)





## CLASSES GONE **VIRTUAL**

Students who selected full distance learning may have thought that their screen time increased immensely once school started.

The following represents a week in the life of a student with a full academic schedule.

So much screen time...

**100** percent online  
**4** classes per day  
**82** minutes per class  
**5** days per week  
**2440** minutes in front of a screen per week

### Stay in the lines...

During one of the first days of the 2/3 hybrid schedule, students keep to their side of the hallway as they pass between the 300 and 400 buildings. Grace Wilson (11) said, "Walking the halls is different this year, but a lot more organized." Madison Coniglio (11) said, "It is hard to recognize people; you really don't know who anyone is." Wilson and Coniglio looked forward to the day more students came into the building.



Photo: H. Crosby (12)

### Reading rules...

As Isabella Devito (10) devours the interesting content found within *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom, she makes note of the nuisance of wearing masks. "It is just so different this year. It is just weird having to wear a mask all day in school," Devito said. She preferred coming into school rather than her online days in the hybrid schedule, and she wondered what her wrestling season might look like.

"On my first day of 3rd grade, I got sent to the office for disrupting class because my friend and I were going back and forth to see who could sneeze louder and not get caught. I lost and had to eat lunch in the office for the first week of school."

Tatum Antinary (9)

"I was in second grade, and I was walking my little sister to kindergarten. She was so scared to leave me that I had to walk in the classroom with her and leave secretly after she started looking around."

Caylee Tursky (9)

"My first day of 4th grade because on that first day, everyone laughed at me when I kicked a soccer ball into my face."

Darren Dixon (9)

What event on a first day of school stands out as your most memorable?

# CHROMEBOOK *classroom*

## Students find favor with new schedule

### Exponential screen time...

While taking a break from her English lesson, Gianna Kraus (10) checks her email for her latest Algebra 2 class notification. Kraus said, "I spend at least four hours a day on my Chromebook. When I am doing online lessons at home, it's even more. If you add in the amount of time I am on my phone, that is a lot of screen time." Kraus admitted to staying home and logging into her classes on the occasions when she woke up late.

Photo: R. Fowler (12)

For the first time ever, students didn't have to walk outside their homes to attend the start of school. Instead, they woke up on August 30th, got out of bed, grabbed a bite to eat, and set up shop for mandated homeschool learning. Virtual school quickly became the new normal, and instead of planning outfits and chatting about summer, the days more involved Google Meets and Skyward logins.

"I like the online model because I get to sleep in, and I can do my work faster," Ethan Kerr (10) said.

However, two weeks after, those first-day activities became a reality when the high school moved to their hybrid schedule. Students with the last name A-K went to school on Mondays and Tuesdays, whereas those L-Z went on Thursdays and Fridays, with Wednesdays virtual for all as staff cleaned the facility.

"I like the balance of being able to come to school and have interactions

with my friends and teachers, but I also like being able to stay at home some days to do work at my own pace," Kasandra Cessna (12) said.

Some students decided that the online model worked better for them, and they chose to attend classes from home.

"I chose to do the virtual learning model because I have some family members who have weaker immune systems, and I have younger siblings that need help with their school work. A positive is that you can work more at your own pace, compared to in-school learning," Danielle Erwin (10) said.

The high school shut down for the full week before Thanksgiving break with seven cases cited in a single week. Oddly, uncertainty has become the new normal.



# Break the code project

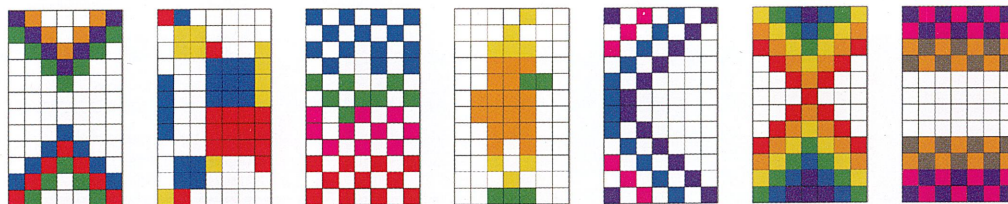
Merging art with math, and to end a unit on matrices, Mr. Fantaski's and Mr. Jankowski's Academic Comprehensive Math (ACM) students had to "secretly" code their own colored message.

Inspired by season three, episode four of the TV show *NUMB3RS*, students had to create a 12X7 blocked piece, using at least three colors and white. Using a color legend where each color corresponded with a number, they then used multiplication of matrices to code the design into a "secret message."

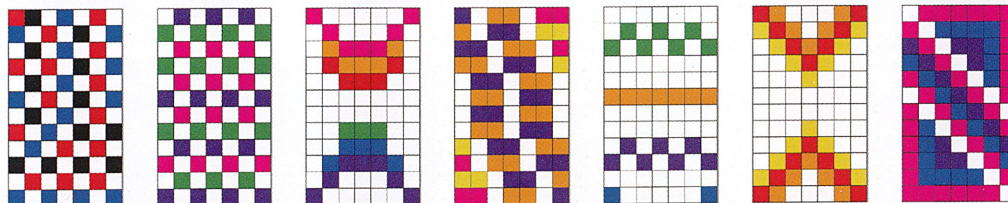
Mr. Fantaski said, "Mr. J and I had to really adjust the project for the online learners. It broke my heart a bit that I couldn't work with every student at my desk, like usual, on this project."

- 1) Malikai Bays (12)
- 2) Aidan Bico (11)
- 3) Hailey Bollinger (12)
- 4) Joe Bowser (11)
- 5) April Carey (12)
- 6) Joe Collini (12)
- 7) Madison Corna (12)
- 8) John Delbene (12)
- 9) Kristina DeLuca (12)
- 10) Savannah Detar (12)
- 11) Zach DiPippa (12)
- 12) Paige Faulk (12)
- 13) Seth Frye (12)
- 14) Nicole Gross (12)
- 15) Lexus Hale (12)
- 16) Nicole Hilty (12)
- 17) Tom Iseman (11)
- 18) Adam Johnson (12)
- 19) Doug Johnson (12)
- 20) Anne Maga (12)
- 21) Ty Mangus (12)
- 22) Chance Martin (12)
- 23) Cayden Miller (12)
- 24) Bryson Mohney (12)
- 25) James Mundy (12)
- 26) Landon Newell (11)
- 27) Alyssa Pert (12)
- 28) Mason Pierce (12)
- 29) Kayla Prosser (12)
- 30) Lea Ross (11)
- 31) Becca Smith (12)
- 32) Darian Sonafelt (12)
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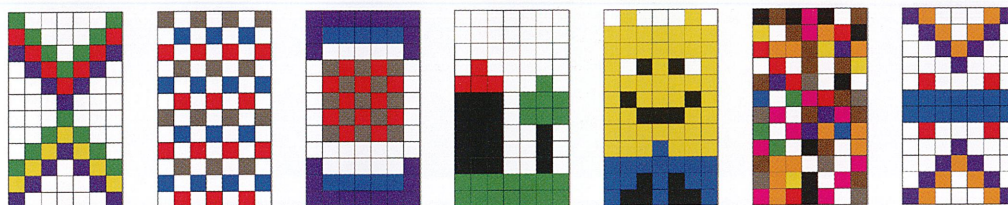
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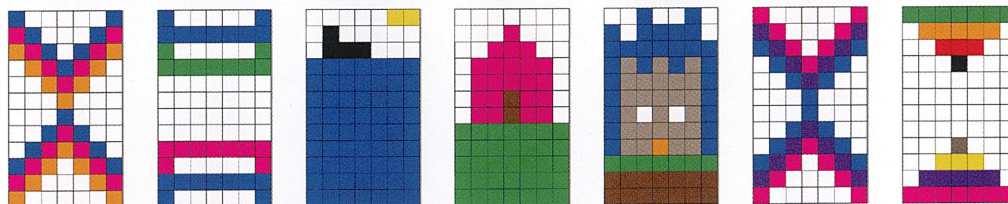
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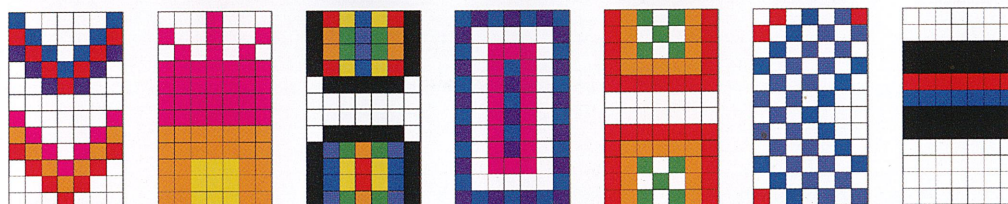
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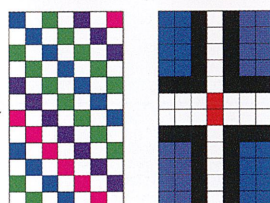
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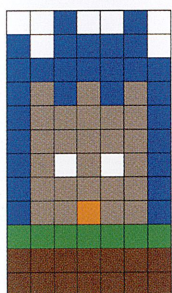


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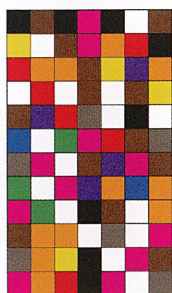
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What inspired your design choice?



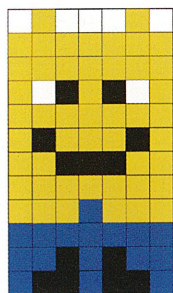
"For this project, I did my best to create a castle. The white at the top represents clouds, and the bottom represents land."

Landon Newell (12)



"I wasn't really going for anything coherent when I was making the pattern. I was just allowing my free mind to place the colors for me."

Anne Maga (12)



"I was going for a face at first, but I wanted him to have some sort of a suit as well. I really like how he turned out."

Doug Johnson (12)

## caught OUR EYE Most

"Of all the pieces submitted, I had to know more about these three."

P. Fantaski (fac)

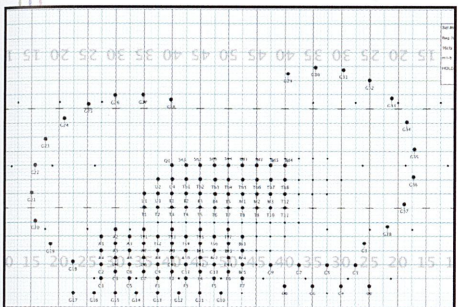
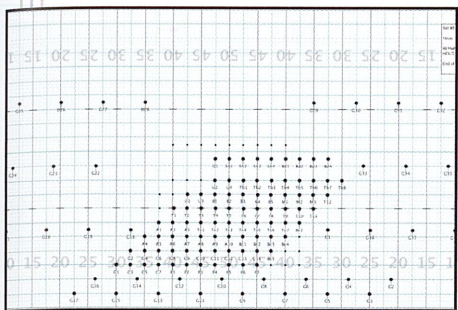
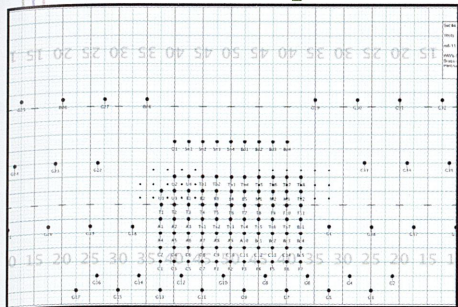


Every measurement counts...

Under a car in the auto garage at Tech, the autobody team diagnoses the problem at hand. "It gets really hard when the problem is caused by more than one item," Dalton Pflum (10) said. Pflum hoped to own his own garage some day.



# March proudly, and know the drill



Drill Charts: J. Schaeffer (staff)

Did you ever wonder how the band executes all those formations on the field? The answer depends on a ton of mathematics and numbers.

Taking into consideration step sizes, meter of the music, musical demand on individuals, and the show theme, drill writers assign a number to each member in the band. In a series of well-thought-out sets, the music comes to life.

In the band's show *Heroes*, drill writer Jim Schaeffer and Director Mr. Pityk even designed the 2020 program to follow the six-feet-apart general guideline at the time.

The drill sets shown here represent chart numbers four through six in the band's first movement of the show.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## Level it off...

To make the perfect chocolate chip cookie, Head Chef Novak (fac) advises Steven Miller (11) to use his knife to scrape off the extra brown sugar in the recipe while Brandon Ondish tends to other ingredients. Chef Novak said, "Flour is dip, scoop, and scrape, while brown sugar is pack and level. When measuring liquid ingredients, use a liquid measuring cup and place it on a level surface to be able to read the line of meniscus at eye level." In addition to chocolate chip cookies, students in Baking and Pastries class made other delicacies like biscuits, scones, pretzels, pizzas, pepperoni rolls, cakes, and pumpkin rolls.

# COMMON denominator

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## When students have teachers again and again

With eight periods in the high school's two day cycle and a faculty staff of over 90, rarely did a student have the same teacher more than once each day. Still, a small amount of learners spent more than one period with the same faculty member.

One such student Hannah Blankenship (10) actually didn't have to travel between her period three and four classes.

"For third period, I have Mrs. McCluske for Fashion and Design. I like that we actually learn things that we can use in real

life. After that, I have Child Development in the same room (140). It's nice learning about proper ways to take care of a child. I know that I'll end up using the lessons sometime later in life," Blankenship said.

Another student Anayah'Skye Brackman (11) didn't have to move between her middle of the day Cav Time and her period three English class with Mrs. Schlusser.

"During the short ten minutes of Cav Time, I usually prepare myself for anything

that I might need for that day in English. It's nice having that little bit of time to get everything ready. After I eat lunch, I go back to room 204 for Honors English class," Brackman said.

Sam Weighton (12) had math department teacher Mrs. Schaeffer more than once in a day, both periods five and six.

"I have Mrs. Schaeffer for Java and Calc BC. She's the best, always willing to help with both classes," Weighton said.

"Figuring out what the best sales/deals are at clothing stores, Staples, etc."

Margaret Pulice (11)

What have you learned in math class that you use outside of school?

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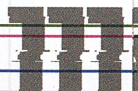
### By the Numbers

"I had to learn how to use a protractor. I helped my dad with his construction of buildings and blueprints of it."

John Wolfe (10)

"I have learned how to find a percent of something and I use that for leaving tips at restaurants, etc."

Chloe Finley-Guido (11)





# Trials OF THE time

Aides describe the challenges of their job due to the pandemic.



"Helping kids both online and in-person has been a struggle, especially not having all the kids here."

Mrs. Crusan (fac)



"Having to wear a mask all the time has made communication with the students a lot more difficult. Seeing my mouth and full facial expression is important."

Ms. Hilty (fac)



"Honestly, the online component to school has made daily engagement easier."

Mrs. Wolverton (fac)



"Making sure assignments are turned in on time in Google Classroom with the students at home and the ones in school has been a challenge."

Mr. Fickes (fac)



"Nothing is simple, but this, too, shall pass. Meanwhile, just go with the flow."

Mrs. Bowman (fac)

Story: A. Reiner (12)

## Students find ways to adapt to disrupted education

Due to COVID-19, like many other classes, life skills education looked different. Many students opted to stay home and learn virtually, while approximately eight students chose to learn in person. Because of this, the amount of activities available lessened.

Sara Ross (10) attended school in person regularly. Reflecting on her classes, she said, "Gym is my favorite because of all the games we play. I really like when we play hockey."

In years past, the school provided the opportunity for work studies where students came into school and left for a handful of hours, then returning during lunch to continue with their regular schedule. Many of the younger students preferred participating in a recycling club, in which they collected discarded paper from the classrooms. All of these

opportunities allowed for students to gain work experience and have social interaction on a daily basis.

On her favorite part of her day, Melodie Duncan said, "I really like working at Pleasant Ridge (nursing home in Leechburg) because I get to help people, talk to the residents, and I like helping with the laundry."

One experience that continued to exist involved the Cavalier Closet which extended opportunities to students and allowed them to separate clothes by size, hang them up, and fold them. These items were provided to students on an as-needed basis and allowed for the Life Skills students to help their fellow classmates with this service.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Organizational style...

While folding clothes in the Cavalier Closet, Megan Abell-Swarmer (11) helps to organize the donations. "I enjoy helping others, and I think having this place for students to grab donated clothes is great," Abell-Swarmer said. The Cavalier Closet started five years ago and has grown each year.

### Making it picture perfect...

As Sara Ross (10) looks over the picture she selected, she practices using the Filters, Pinch, and Bloat tools in Photoshop. Ross said, "I like Photoshop class because it is fun to play with pictures and learn all that you can do." Ross enjoyed the pop art project where they changed the colors on pictures to give it a pop art effect.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Connections in football...

Looking to make the deep pass, Isziah Wright (10) aims in on his target. Wright said, "I think gym class is fun. I like throwing and catching the football." Even though he enjoyed football, he liked it more when they got to the swimming unit in physical education.

"If I had to, yes, I would. But, I would also miss my family and friends while in a bubble to finish the season."

Jennifer Coniglio (10)





## Expressive art...

While working on her Studio Art 1 final project, Natalie Swartz (9) addresses the mixed media component of the assignment. Swartz's aide, Ms. Katie Hilty, said, "Natalie loves art. It is one of her outlets." Swartz hoped to take as many art classes as possible.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## music on the brain

Many students found that music helps to keep them from getting distracted while working on school work. A few students in the life skills program shared what music keeps them on task.



"I really like the song *Anxiety* by Bmiike."  
Melodie Duncan (12)



"I like to do my work to any country music, especially the old stuff."  
Courtney Democko (9)



"Fifth Harmony is a cool band, and they play cool music."  
Megan Abell-Swarmer (11)



"I am a fan of country music, but Luke Combs is my favorite artist."  
Sarah Reidell (12)

If you had to spend months away from your family in a bubble like professional athletes did, how would you feel?

"No, I don't like being away from my family and friends for two or three months. What if something happened to them, and I was not there for them?"

Dustin Taylor (12)

"I don't know. I'll try my best at all times, but I think being in a bubble would be hard."

Aiden Starling (9)

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## grounded quote

"I like that it's all performance and no writing. Making music gives me another way to express myself."

Angela Tucker (10)

### Lights out...

At dusk, Allyson Reiner (12) conducts the band at a home football game. "I wanted to become Drum Major to challenge myself and also to lead the band I had come to love so much. I wanted to show other people how amazing it was and how much it shaped me as a person," Reiner said. She said she would always remember when the lights went out right before the halftime show at the Homecoming Game.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Focus and concentration...

Seconds before an impact toss, Isabella Corsaro (10) stays focused toward a successful and clean catch. "My favorite movement was the ballad because the music was beautiful, and doing sabre was amazing," Corsaro said. Corsaro most enjoyed spinning in colorguard and also going to the football games.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## C-19 heroes

Give tribute to a family member on the frontlines of the pandemic



"My grandmother works at a nursing home near McNight Road. She has had to deal with COVID cases there." Eric McCurdy (10)



"My Aunt Wendy works at a medical facility in Natrona Heights. She's had to work through the whole pandemic." Sophie Smietana (10)



"My mom is a nurse at UPMC in Pittsburgh, and my sister works at the CVS pharmacy in Monroeville." Tara Shamburg (12)



"My mom works at Golden Living Center Nursing Home in Murrysville. She's had to be so careful not to get the virus." Brandon Pedrosky (10)

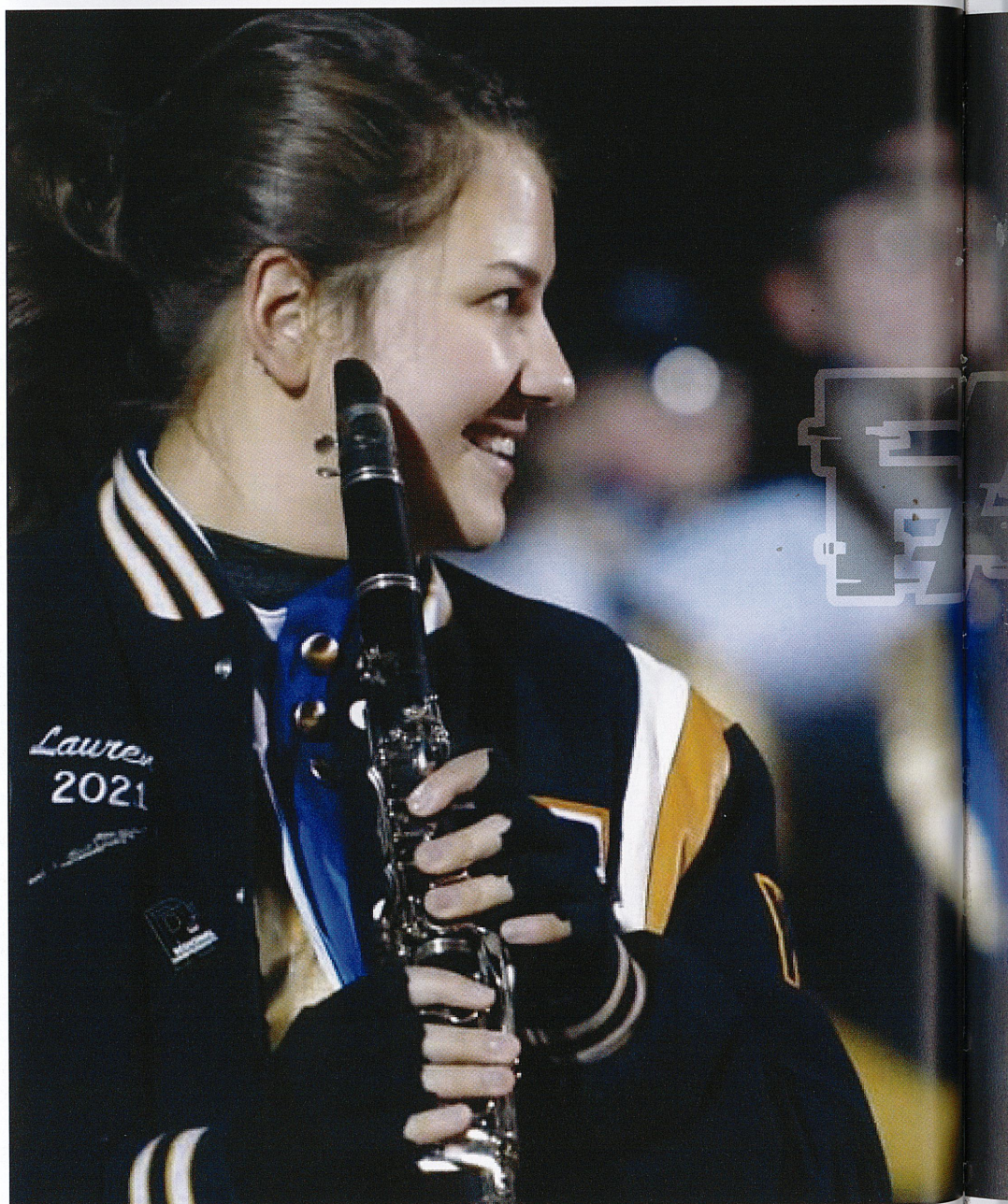


Photo: A. Wilkins (par)





## BREAKING IT ALL DOWN

### ALL THE NUMBERS BY SECTION

"Equal in necessity, unequal in size" could become the motto for the collective sections of marching band.

Students per section...

1 drum major  
15 pit and drumline  
44 woodwinds  
31 brass players  
36 colorguard members  
(biggest in 25 years)

#### New section...

Performing for the football team, Lindsay Bush (9) plays stand tunes as part of her new section. "I'm happy I switched sections because it has made me a lot better at the trombone. Of course, it was sad leaving the clarinet section, but I had friends in the low brass, and everyone I didn't know was welcoming," Bush said. She thought that it felt strange not to compete like in other years.



Photo: L. Mamros (par)

#### Not *two* much trouble...

As Jackson Bielek (11) plays impact (where one hits the bass and gong at the same time), he focuses on the timing of his parts. "I had to play impact more during Movement Four, which was the *Avengers* theme song, than in Movement Two," Bielek said. He indicated that he had played percussion for most of his life, but remained undecided about continuing it beyond high school.

"Percussion/drums. I still play it to this day. I have always liked how I can turn a regular piece of music into an interesting and complex song, using different notes and accents."

Michael Buccì (9)

"I tried the recorder in elementary school. Now, I play trumpet. The recorder was finicky and had an overall bad tone. But, it was a good way to get me interested into learning about music and other instruments."

Cassia Remencus (10)

"I tried mallet instruments in elementary school. I am still in marching band in the front ensemble. The one thing I dislike is that when playing four mallets, your hands start to hurt, and you get a lot of blisters and calluses."

Abigail Negley (10)

Name an instrument you tried to play when you were in elementary school.

#### Band tweaks show to follow guidelines

Story: A. Reiner (12)

Armed with their *Beneath the Shifting Sands* concept, the regiment would finally return to Bands of America Grand Nationals, after a four year absence. Hearts sank when officials cancelled the entire competition season due to COVID-19. No PIMBAs and the chance to regain the State Title. No trip to Ohio to defend their BOA Obetz Regional Championship. No performances in Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium under the bright lights and incredible crowds.

Percussionist Joe Collini (12) said, "This marching band season was very hard because keeping a positive attitude was basically impossible. Everything was cancelled when we had very big plans for the show and our competitions. Even though I

enjoyed going to the practices and spending time with my band family, I knew that every practice could and probably would be our last."

Director Mr. Pityk and his staff developed a completely different show, one more appropriate during a world pandemic.

*For the Heroes* became the band's first socially distanced show with individual drill spots no closer than six feet apart. The show honored all workers on the front lines of the pandemic.

"Designing drill for this year was no easy task. Jim Schaefer, Kiski's current drill writer, did a superb job keeping everyone distanced, giving the band a fresh, new, and larger look," Pityk said.

#### Memories made...

Waiting for the cue to start a stand tune, Lauren Pullet (12) looks over at her Drum Major. "Marching band completely changed my life. I had watched my sisters in the band since I was really young and always imagined being part of the program. The memories I made in marching band are ones I will never forget," Pullet said. She missed competitions, but stood thankful that Mr. Pityk and the staff tried to make the season feel somewhat normal.

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Marching Band





Discuss the steps in properly laying block for a wall...



First, dry lay the brick by mapping out where it will go with old mortar. Then, lay the block. After you lay each block, add mortar to the end of it to create a vertical joint. Check to make sure that your blocks are level, and use the end of the trowel to tap it down, if necessary.

Lay down your next level of block by staggering them with the ones on the level below. Check to make sure that they are level and plumb vertically.

- 1) Antonio Rauso (11)
- 2) Damien Weaver (11)
- 3) Stone Brunermer (12)

### Group inspection...

As Dakota McDonald (10) discusses the next step with Zach Bilbie (10) about how to fix the car, they realize that they may need Mr. Quarato's assistance. "I plan to work on cars in my friend's autobody shop," McDonald said. McDonald loved using a welder whenever he could.

## Mode OF Media

Which software program do you prefer using in Multimedia?



"I like using Adobe Illustrator for laser engraving."

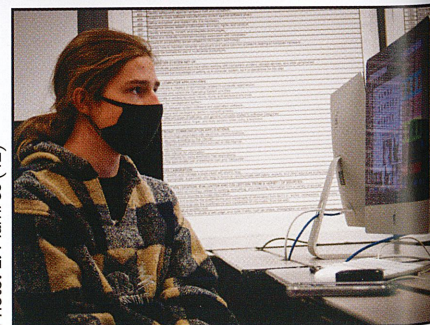
Tyler Cook (10)



"I prefer Photoshop because I like altering pictures with it."

Lillian Shellhammer (9)

Photo: L. Mamros (12)



### Make it stick...

While working in his multimedia class, Jacob Motosicky (11) edits photographs to turn them into stickers. "I am glad I got into this program. I like to edit photos and work with images that I bring in or find on the web," Motosicky said. He planned to pursue a career in marketing as well as make logos and labels for people upon graduation.





### Concentration required...

Focusing on creating a masterpiece, Phillip Miller (11) welds two pieces of metal together. Miller said, "I prefer tig welding because it is the easiest and most common." Miller planned on welding full time as a career after high school.



Photo: L. Mamros (12)

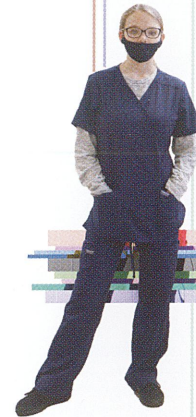


Photo: M. Artman (12)

### Cool down...

While tackling the HVAC unit at Vo-Tech, John Delbene (12) installs a heating and cooling system. Delbene said, "It's the best hands-on job you can ask for." After graduating, Delbene planned to join the military and possibly continue his trade.

## Many moments lead to dream nursing career



"My mom got me interested in nursing. She's in the nursing field and an RN who works with the elderly."

Delaney Bell (9)



"I'm looking into the general nursing field. I've always wanted to be a nurse. It's more of a trade, so you don't get paid a lot of money."

Sabrina Wilson (10)



"My aunt and baby cousin had a really good labor and delivery nurse, so that influenced my desire to do the same."

Angelina McCarthy (10)

Photos: M. Artman (12)

## DYE-ING TO KNOW

Story: J. Swanson (fac)

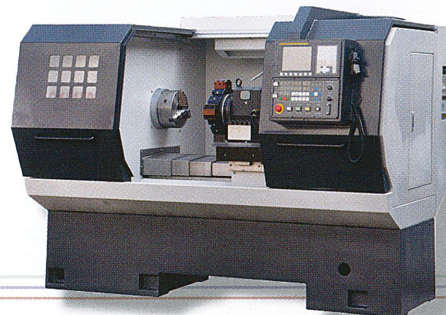
### Machine Toolers spin up aspects of their field

What some people referred to as the Advanced Manufacturing Shop at NWCTC, others called it Machine Tool. Whatever one named it, this program offered students the ability to learn the skills necessary to land some decent paying jobs.

With a bit of tongue in cheek, Dustin Sparks (12) said, "We basically just click buttons on the CNC milling machine. We make parts out of metal for various things such as medical discs and rods for your knees. Right now, we just make junk parts

because we are practicing and learning for when we get into the working world." Sparks indicated that he could potentially get a job at companies such as Oberg, Penn United, or Curtiss Wright.

"Curtiss Wright receives government contracts, so workers there cannot talk about the projects they work on," Amberly Leatherwood (12) said. She knew this since her father worked there.



"I work at Walmart, and my buddy and I were stocking shelves one day. On the pallet that had all of the stock, there was a bicycle that he and I decided to build, not knowing we weren't supposed to. We ended up getting praised for taking initiative."

Joseph Galore (11)

Describe  
a building  
accomplishment

"In the 6th grade, two other friends and I built a gumball machine. This gumball machine was built with two smooth pieces of wood, a soda bottle, two screws, and a rubber band."

Brian Davenport (9)

"I helped build the school's AFJROTC program, and I am still helping to build it. It has been four years in the making."

Alexei Cramer (12)

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## Past tense practice...

At the request of Madame Brady, Matthew Fuhrer (10) writes an example of past tense verbs on the board. Fuhrer said, "I like French because I am in band, and most of the band terms are in French." Fuhrer's initial motivation for enrolling in French came at the advice of a friend who indicated his own success in the class.

Photo: L. Mamros (12)

## lip smacking

Photos: V. Hogan (12)

In Mrs. Novak's Principles of Baking and Pastry class, students ice decorative cakes. Most waited until they took them home to eat so that they could show off their hard work.



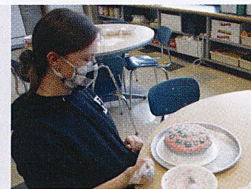
"It was winter when we decorated our cakes, and winter was my inspiration."

Kyle Weiser (12)



"My baking partner Olivia Blankenship encouraged me to not do a plain, boring design on my cake."

Ethan Beck (10)



"I liked how Mrs. Novak gave us fake icing to practice, before we used real icing to decorate our cake with."

Taygen Hill (9)



"A Christmas-themed cake seemed like a good idea since I didn't have a better idea."

Haley Phillips (9)

"The Haunting of Sunshine Girl" by Paige McKenzie. This book really intrigued me when I first saw it, and ever since I read it for the first time, I always come back to it. It has a slight mysterious way to it, and that's why I enjoy it so much."

Abigail Mortensen (10)



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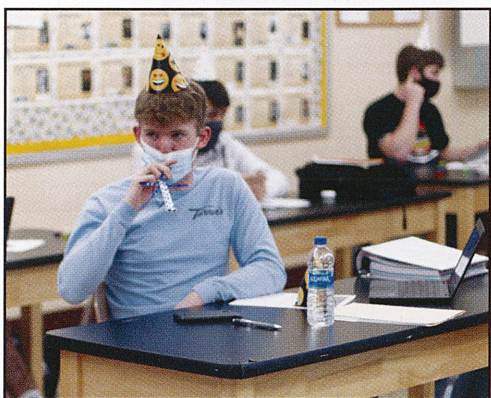
Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## Eggs away...

Mr. Ridgeway challenged his Engineering students to drop an egg without breaking it. The students carefully read the instructions to design a structure that weighed no more than 120 grams and would absorb the shock of the fall. If the students succeeded on their first try, they then had to cut the weight of their design to 25 grams. Those whose first designs failed needed to cut the weight down to 70 grams.

Malachi Martindale (11) said, "Sometimes innovation takes breaking some eggs." Martindale reported his first design passed with flying colors when his egg survived the fall.



## Calc cone heads...

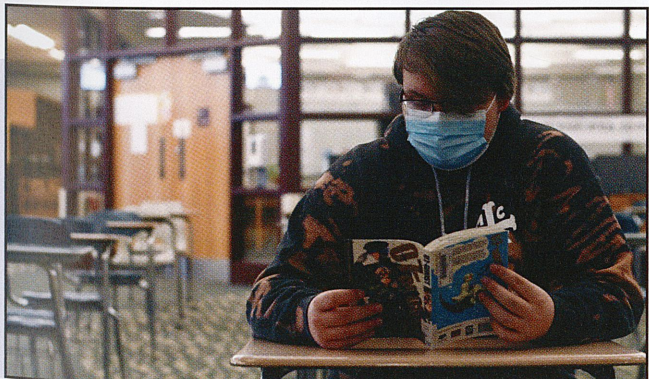
While taking a casual approach to calculus, Sam Wigton (12) blows into a noisemaker. Wigton said, "Did you know wearing party hats makes calculus tests easier?" The class celebrated finishing chapter nine after three grueling months.

Photo: C. Mydock (12)

## Manga madness...

While Kurt Tesche (9) finishes up volume 11 of the 07-Ghost series, he sits at a desk in the library to see how the book ends. "07-Ghost has religious themes to it. I like the abstractness to it," Tesche said. He became a fan of manga during his fifth grade year.

Photo: L. Mamros (12)



"The City Of Ember because I love how its an adventure to escape an underground city that barely has light and electricity. I love it, and it will always be my favorite book."

Cooper Szalsky (10)



"Metro 2033 is a post-apocalyptic story where people live in underground metro stations and fight monsters after a war. It's an interesting concept to think about."

Zach Myers (10)

## signs OF THE times

Signs of the pandemic bled onto the school grounds. Stickers guiding the way and flyers reminding students, staff, and visitors to all wear masks invaded the school landscape.

"I think they are a good way to stop the spread by keeping the hallways distanced and more organized."

Madison Venturini (11)



"I think they are kind of pointless because nobody uses them for their true purpose. They just mess around with them."

Mackenzie Knapp (10)



"I think masks are necessary to keep the school safe and open. It is exhausting to keep them on all day with little to no breaks."

Sade Taylor (9)



"I think social distancing is reasonable, but we should have a chance to take our masks down for some time."

Carlee Kuhn (11)



"Since we can't use the regular water fountains, these new ones are useful, practical, and much more sanitary."

Sawyar Callaghan-Zanotti (10)



## Step by delicious step...

While Angelina Shirey (9) checks on the oven's temperature, Brianna Stone (10) uses the recipe to add the prescribed amount of chocolate chips to the cookie dough. Stone said, "As long as you listen carefully to Mrs. Novak's instructions, your cookies will turn out perfect." Stone used what she learned in Principles of Baking and Pastries to attempt some of the recipes at home.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

Name a book you've read more than once.

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Read My Lips



"The professional culinary life is super-demanding. I am in culinary to learn new and different things and just to be a better cook as an adult."

Jessica Maute (10)

### Working on networking...

While working with his teacher, Dylan Packer (12) listens for advice on his current task. "I think networking is a good field to work in," Packer said. Packer chose a computer field because he thought he would love it for life.

Photo: J. Mattis (10)

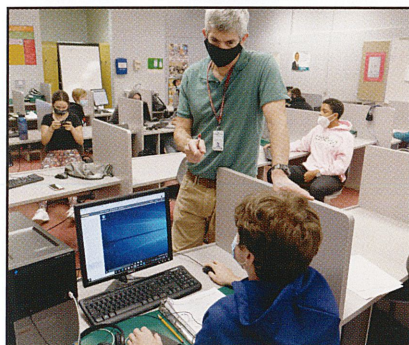


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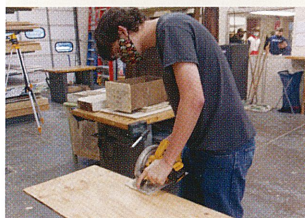
### Cooking up greatness...

Making sure to cut precisely, Austin Thompson (12) slices fat off of a chunk of red meat. Thompson said, "Cooking has become my passion. I have come to love this program at Vo-Tech." Thompson planned to attend a culinary school in the fall of 2021.



## tools about it

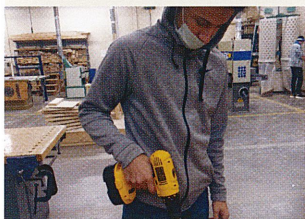
Students discuss tools used in the carpentry shop



"This tool is a circular saw, and it is used to cut materials down to proper length." Nathan Alexander (12)



"This is an impact driver. You can drive screws into wood with this. It sinks the screws below the material's surface." Seth McGranahan (11)



"This is a screw gun. You can use it to drill holes into wood with this." Dylan Hutcherson (11)



"The biscuit jointer is made to glue two pieces of wood together and give you something you can glue into it for a stronger hold." Devin Burkett (11)



Photo: J. Mattis (10)





## VO-TECH SHOPS BY THE NUMBERS

Kiski represents the bulk of the students at NWCTC. The following tallies illustrate its representation in a handful of programs.

Kiski students per shop...

**25** Health Occupations  
**20** Multimedia  
**16** Cosmetology  
**20** Carpentry  
**24** Auto Mechanics

### Cooling education...

While preparing for a future job, Zachary Prosser (10) and Jack Skroupa (10) labor to fix air conditioners. "I wanted to make my own air conditioner," Prosser said. Skroupa wanted to use the skills he acquired at the CTC to get a job in the HVAC field.



Photo: M. Artman (12)

### Shine a light...

In order to better see the issue, Deashaun Rhine (11) takes his LED light underneath the car to find the problem. "I find it extremely satisfying to get my hands in a car and get it back to running the way it should," Rhine said. He knew he wanted to work on cars when he started in the Auto Mechanic shop at Vo-Tech as a freshman.

# OLD MIX of shop choices

Story: R. Frye (10)

### Students give insight into HVAC

#### Autobody newbie...

As Kevin Walsh (9) works with the computer in the autobody shop, he applies what his teacher taught him earlier in the week. "I have always enjoyed working on cars, and I am glad to spend every other day at the Vo-Tech," Walsh said. He recognized the hammer as the tool that allowed him to display his finest dexterity.

Vo-Tech allowed students to do hands-on work outside of class. These students could choose their program as a career or to just learn more for later in life. One student chose HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning).

"HVAC, to me, just means being able to work on something not many people can do out of high school. You also get to see something that puts a smile on someone's face when it's running right again," Zachary Shetron (12) said.

With the current pandemic, the value of essential trade jobs has surged.

"Sure, people make fun of the plumbers, electricians, heating and air. But, guess who they are all calling when their stuff breaks?" Shetron said.

Additionally, every job had its downfalls. For HVAC, one came up time and time again.

"Dealing with duckboard gets you real itchy, real fast. It is so flaky. Also, there are a lot of hazards that come with this job," John Delbene (12) said.

Still, HVAC had a less itchy side.

"I enjoy independent work because it allows me to think more and allows me to be in my own work space," Dylan Barry (11) said.

At Vo-Tech, some lessons involved the traditional lecture. However, the time spent in the shops provided the perfect balance for a successful career.

"It took a month in the summer for me to build a big pigeon loft."

Collin Martin (11)

"My Dad and I gutted our living room and kitchen and turned it into an open room with a cathedral ceiling. It took us a year."

Antonio Rauso (11)

"In a month and a half, I built a very large sled."

Alyssa Seibel (9)

Describe a building accomplishment.

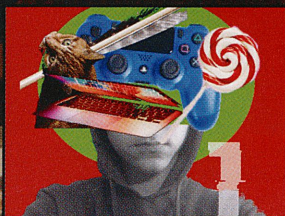
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*It's all in your head.*



Students in Mrs. Gracey's and Mrs. Valeski's Photoshop 1 classes created Surreal Collages. The collages included five items that represented the student and were created using Pixlr. Students used the online digital editing platform instead of the Windows based Adobe Photoshop since students needed the ability to work from home.

- 1) Ethan Mamros (10)
- 2) Nicholas Miles (10)
- 3) Jayden Mattis (10)

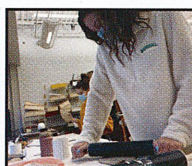
### A trace of light...

As Haley Phillips (10) traces an image on a lightboard, she strives for perfection in her artwork. Phillips said, "I was working on a watercolor triptych that had to be based on balance, movement, and unity." Phillips displayed her enthusiasm for art by signing up for Studio Art II and planned to investigate Ceramics next year.



"With my free time, I made a double decker mug. I like the freedom we have to use our imagination and creativity to complete the assignments."

Derek Hald (12)



"I like trying new things, and taking Ceramics fit that mold. I was quite pleased with my turtle bowl that I made to be my cat's water dish."

Kassandra Cessna (12)

# Free TO CREATE art

What makes Ceramics a hot class to take?

# PUT

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### A stitch in time...

In Fashion and Design 1, Briannon Miller (10) practices her embroidery stitches. Miller said, "A lot of my friends had taken classes with Mrs. McCluske, and I have hung out in her room at times. I am taking Child Development next semester." Miller appreciated the real world applicable skills she learned in this class.



# Advanced Materials

## students don't shelve their projects



Photos: J. Swanson (fac)

In Mr. Ridgeway's Advanced Materials class, students went through the entire process of planning, designing, measuring, cutting, and building a shelving unit. From the beginning of the project until the end, students usually finished their projects in about nine weeks. With flexibility of the schedule, students worked on their projects whenever they happened to show up physically for class. Anthony Delia (12), Ethan Dubas (12), and Owen Zimmerman (11) regularly showed up to complete their projects before the end of the semester.

Zimmerman said, "I made a golf ball display which I thought turned out pretty good. I finished it fast enough that I was also able to make a fishing rod holder."

## ARTIFICIAL

### light grows real plants

Using artificial light and an ebb and flow system of infusing nutrient-enriched water, students in Mr. Ridgeway's Engineering class dabbled in hydroponics as an introduction to agricultural engineering. This topic represented the first unit discussed in the class.

"I had the students design a hydroponics classroom. We used room 125, which is now an empty science room, to think about what would be necessary items for the classroom. They had to present their findings to the class. Online students used Screencastify as the major resource to give their presentation." Mr. Ridgeway (fac)



# PUTTING IT ALL together

Story: E. Smith (12)

## Hands-on courses appeal to variety of students

While the decision to either further develop their education or go directly into the workforce rested with the individual, the high school experience supplied them with the applicable set of skills to help them attain success. While one could not overlook the importance of such skill sets, one spent time reflecting upon themselves in order to figure out who they are outside of their chosen career path. The overarching goal of the art department focused on doing just that.

Art teacher Mrs. Lynch said, "Centered

around creativity and thinking outside the box, students work to develop their 'creative voice.'"

When asked if it was rewarding to see the final products of her students' projects, Lynch said, "My students' dedication and creativity inspire me with every project. However, the most rewarding part of each project is not actually the final product, but the pride the student has when they see their vision become a reality."

The ability to take a step back and let

the creative juices flow created benefits for students who struggled with the stress of schoolwork.

When asked if he thought taking an art class helped act as a break from the normal grind of his core classes, Aidan Dubas (12) said, "Yeah, for sure. It's really nice to be able to chill out, and not worry about things being perfect while given an opportunity to be creative."

"I bought a '96 F150 for \$1400 and am fixing it up. It'll take about six months to a year and is mostly body work. So far, I've replaced the distributor cap, rotor, and spark plugs."

Brett Bentley (9)

Discuss something you made or fixed.

"It took me two days to fully build a LEGO model of The Millennium Falcon spaceship from *Star Wars*."

Xaiden Connelly (9)

"My quad needed a new transmission so I pulled the transmission and replaced the gears, and then I put a new clutch, new coils, new coil springs, and new wires in it."

Cody Fox (9)

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# BREAKING NEW GROUND

on the field, in the gym,  
and in the stands

We lost our spring 2020 season.

When reconvening in August, we had to follow every safety protocol or risk losing another season.

We had a shutdown during our football season, thus playing just six games.

We enjoyed watching the band perform their *For the Heros* halftime show... before the game.

Compared to other years, we had a Homecoming that lacked in grandeur.

To maintain social distancing, we traveled to away games in more busses.

Due to a statewide spoppage, we lost

three weeks of conditioning, practice, and games in the winter season.

At some school's gyms, we had to wear masks while on the court playing basketball.

We had no fans in attendance or some fans in attendance, but never a full house of fans in attendance.

We missed the student section rooting us on in our gym and stadium.

We had no theme nights. No camo. No red, white, and blue. No blackout.

We watched our classmates compete... on YouTube.



Photo: L. Mamros (par)



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## Northmoreland finale...

Instead of the normal cheer picture of Lacey Mamros (12) and Katelyn Byers (12) jumping, Mrs. Lynn Mamros decides that all the seniors should jump together for their final year of cheer. "Since Katelyn and I are cousins, my mom thought it would be cool to get all of us together at Northmoreland Park to do a bunch of pictures. She said, 'Let's do everybody.'" Mamros said. While Mamros started cheering in eighth grade, Alexis Wilson (12), Olivia Hansen (12), Valerie McMullen (12), and Byers stayed with it for the entire six years of secondary school.





### Pregame prayer...

After the end of the game, Coach Sam Albert gathers his team for a prayer. "Zach Horwatt (12) said, 'We do this after every game and every practice. It is a nice tradition.' The team pushed through their season amidst the hurdles and obstacles that arose.

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### Soaking it all in...

While the defense looks to get the ball back, offensive linemen Brandon Lawhorn-Moore (11) and Cody Arenth (12) listen to Coach Scott Newell regarding blocking techniques. Lawhorn-Moore said, "My favorite saying of Coach Albert is when he says, 'There's two types of dogs. The ones that bark and the ones that stay quiet.'" Lawhorn-Moore received interest from Division One schools such as University of Miami (Ohio), University of Buffalo, and Wake Forest University.

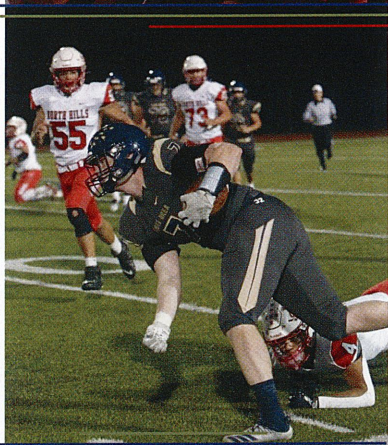
Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### Get upfield...

After catching the short pass from Logan Johnson (11), Brock Wilkins (11) turns up the field for a positive play. "We missed our fans and the students at our home games, but it was still good to be on the field with my teammates," Wilkins said. Earlier in the game, Wilkins blocked the North Hills defender from tackling Calvin Heinle (11) after he made a reception.

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### Textbook touchdown...

Just after crossing the goal line, Calvin Heinle (11) turns himself towards quarterback Logan Johnson (11) to catch the ball. Heinle said, "My job on the team is to catch the ball, and that defender was most definitely not stopping me from doing so." The team needed every point against Connellsville as the final score ended up as a win 36-35.

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### No escape...

As Cody Arenth (12) sizes up the defender, he uses the blocking techniques that he learned at practice. "I've got to be sure to give the quarterback time on a pass play, and open holes for the running back on a run play," Arenth said. He played football all four of his years at the high school, progressing from junior varsity to varsity.

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



### Open up a hole...

Prior to the snap of the ball, the offensive line gets into a three-point stance to block for the quarterback. "I was feeling anxious, and my job was just to block the guy on the end because he was really fast," Adam Ferraccio (12) said. Ferraccio appreciated the efforts of the coaches to make sure they got to play this season.



Photo: A. Wilkins (par)

### Get hype...

As the team gets ready to enter Dilts Field, Ryan Chepkevich (2013 grad) waves the flag to fire up the squad. Dylan Hutcherson (11) said, "It's very nerve-racking. You have a lot of adrenaline going through your body." The team started this tradition on the top of the hill and took the flag through the inflatable helmet onto the field.

## COVID corner

### Quarantining

Photo: A. Wilkins (par)



"I'll wear a gaiter, a mask, a shield. I don't care what I need to wear as long as we get to play."

Kenny Blake (12)

A false positive test and potential contact with a relative who tested positive by a player caused the coaching staff to conduct creative workouts and deal with scrimmage cancellations. Scrimmages against Butler and Franklin Regional went by the wayside and a teamwide 14-day self-quarantine made for an interesting start to the season. Coaches held Zoom meetings with the players and led Zoom workouts to keep the players in shape and ready to go upon the completion of the two week period. When they did hold practices, no one other than those connected to the football program could use the field, and no other teams could use the facilities. Finally, each player brought their own water bottles that could only be refilled by an athletic trainer, and players could not change in the locker room, which meant they had to come and go in the necessary equipment that the coaches required.



## grounded quote

"I quit soccer to start kicking for the football team in ninth grade. I like kicking in football better since I don't have to do all the running like I did with soccer."

*Cody Dykes (11)*



# HELP

Teammates support  
one another

The 2020 football season faced many challenges and required mental toughness and teammate support. "It has been harder to learn stuff because of less practices," Francis DiNinno (12) said.

The team looked forward to resuming their play and hoped to rack up some wins after the two week COVID suspension.

As newbies on the high school team, the underclassmen found teammates to look up to. Similar to aspiring vocalists looking up to Taylor Swift or actors admiring Dwayne Johnson, the younger players had role models on the team.

"I look up to Brock Wilkins, Eliam Booker, and Kenneth Blake," Davien Pope (10) said.

"Book [Eliam Booker] is a great guy and a nice friend and pushes everyone on the team to do a little bit better," Andrew Westcoat (9) said.

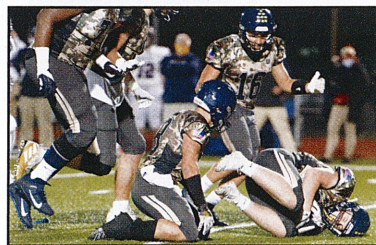
## on the horizon

Some players also looked up to Senior Captain Jack Dilts.

"My favorite part about football is dominating the man in front of me and sacking the quarterback. I try to instill this toughness onto the new players coming in," Jack Dilts (12) said. Dilts planned to continue football into college and received an offer from Duquesne University.

The difficulty of the season could have caused division among the teammates, but the bond between them remained strong beyond the ability of outsiders to understand.

"The football team pushes themselves to be better, and it is very hard to play football. Only people that have the mental toughness can excel. If people want to talk a lot about football and talk bad about our team, then they are welcome to join one of our practices and experience how difficult football can be," Andrew Westcoat (9) said.



### Jump on it...

After a sack of the quarterback, Matt Hilty (11) jumps on the loose ball with Joseph Morlacci (12) and Frankie DiNinno (12) ready to help out. Hilty said, "For our military appreciation game against Shaler, we put in our best 60 minutes of the year. Our uniforms for that game were pretty cool, too." Hilty displayed a high football IQ by smothering the ball instead of trying to scoop it up and run with it.

"I have definitely missed going to football games and other sporting events because of what is happening with the world right now, but having a chance to watch at home is nice. An advantage would be you can watch from the comfort of your own home."

*Sarah Musser (11)*

What advantages do you see in watching high school sports on the internet?

"When I am at home, I am not cold, and I am not surrounded by other people. I can stretch out."

*Deashaun Rhine (11)*

"It's more convenient since you can rewind to watch highlights, and it is easier to pay attention to the game."

*Cooper Sluka (11)*

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# football

Front Row: Luke Emmerling, Caleb Shultz, Brennan Moore, Maxine Crosby, Aric Learn, Isaiah Gonzalez; Row 2: Mason Caldwell, Benjamin Pencak, Owen Pearson, Jason Flemm, Andrew Westcoat, Benjamin Young; Row 3: Michael Carrarini, Dominic DiNinno, Connor Flemm, Joseph Morlacci, LeBryn Smith, Michael Ferraccio, Davien Pope, Adam Ferraccio, Edward Coleman; Row 4: Ryan Alexander, Logan Johnson, Braden Mika, Brandon Lawhorn-Moore, James Pearson, Brock Wilkins, Joseph Miller, Jacob Bucci, Holden Burkette, Jack Crider, Cody Dykes; Row 5: Brayden Dunmire, Dylan Hutcherson, Samuel Coleman, David Sames, Jake Karns, Nathan Pastor, Kenneth Blake, Johnathan Drahos, Carter Dilts, Mathew Hilty; Row 6: Calvin Heinle, Kendall Held, Cody Arenth, Austin Abell-Swarmer; Row 7: Preston Lee, Frank DiNinno, Jack Dilts; Back Row: Zachary Horwatt, Eliam Booker; Coaches: Sam Albert, Aaron Albert, Aiden Albert, Justin Amendola, James Collins, John Duffy, Scott Newell, Jim McKenzie.

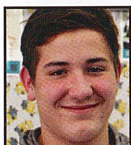


## football

9/21 Connellsville W 36-35  
9/26 Penn Hills L 13-31  
10/2 North Hills L 20-42  
10/9 Fox Chapel L 24-28  
10/16 Shaler W 55-22  
10/23 Pine Richland L 14-58

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## ALWAYS THERE FOR ME...



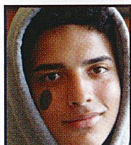
"One teammate who I can count on for help and make not only me a better player, but helps everyone, is Beef - Brandon Lawhorn-Moore."  
Braden Mika (10)



"Allie Zdobinsky helped me greatly when I needed help with my new cheer position that she did last year. She always provides tons of support."  
Caylie Tursky (9)



"Frankie DiNinno is always positive, he never lets any of us get down, and he helped me learn my position."  
David Sames (12)



"Without a doubt, it is Connor Flemm (10). He is a great teammate and makes sure I am in the right position."  
Deshaun McBryde (10)



"Mackenzie Knapp is everyone's emotional support buddy. She also is always prepared and carries extras of the things we might need at practice, in case we forget something."  
Emma Mellinger (10)



"Valerie McMullen always offers to take me to practice, and she lets me borrow her cheer shoes."  
Alexis Wilson (12)

## These moms... REMEMBER IT ALL



Brock Wilkins (11)

"No one was allowed to talk to Brock before a game, and we had to listen to the song *Till I Collapse* by Eminem."  
Anne Wilkins (mom)



Taylynn Mathews (12)

"Tay nervously geared up for her very first cheer tryout, made the team, and has worked hard to maintain her spot ever since. I couldn't be more proud of her."  
Nikki Mathews (mom)



Calvin Heinle (11)

"Even at this young age, Calvin had the best hands and made it his business to catch every ball thrown to him. I think this is about the age he was nicknamed 'Hands Heinle'."  
Cassi Heinle (mom)

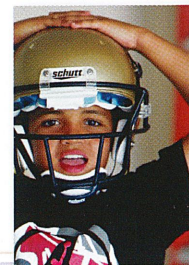


Lacey Mamros (12)

"Scared to become a flyer in 8th grade, Lacey said, 'I'll do it if Katelyn (Byers) is my base, cause I know she won't let me die.'"  
Lynn Mamros (mom)

Katelyn Byers (12)

"Katelyn was trying out for cheer captain in the 8th grade while her cousin Lacey tried out for the first time. They were told to take a packet if they made the squad. My sister Lynn and I nervously waited while the girls went to check the door. They walked back to us, and I didn't see any papers. Our hearts sank thinking they didn't make it. When they came back, they told us that they both made it but forgot to grab the packet. We've been cheering the two of them on ever since."  
Amy Byers (mom)



Logan Johnson (11)

"Football was and still is Logan's favorite sport to play. I am very proud of the young athlete he has become."  
Jamie Johnson (mom)





## varsity cheer

*Front Row:* Katelyn Byers, Hailey Bollinger, Alexis Wilson, Lacey Mamros, Valerie McMullen, Alyssa Finney, Olivia Rapacchietta; *Row 2:* Gianna Clayton, Josephina Switzer, Olivia Hansen, Casey Gulyas, Shicora Sippel, Natalie Bollinger; *Row 3:* Madisyn Coulter, Jocelyn Spencer, Taylynn Mathews, Summer Fairman, Olivia Croney; *Back Row:* Chloe Arbaugh, Miranda Weightman, Lea Ross, Karissa Will; *Not Pictured:* Nyasia Chambers.

"I started with soccer when I was young. I'm playing football, wrestling, and track now."

Andrew Westcoat  
(9)

## junior varsity cheer



*Front Row:* Emma Mellinger, Amanda Trybus, Madison Slomka, Mackenzie Knapp, Alianna Booker, Mateya Maldonado, Olivia Eremic; *Row 2:* Makenna MacLean, Ava Hutchinson, Alexis Zollinger, Kamryn Suman, Alyssa Kamer; *Row 3:* Sylvia Chin, Jordyn Hudek, Allison Zdobinski, Sarah Johnson; *Back Row:* Isabella Bendtsen, Caylie Tursky, Faith Skurko; *Not Pictured:* Morgan Hagofsky.

"I have continued to cheer because I love it. It is literally my life. 'Can you spend the night? No, I have cheer.'"

Emma Mellinger  
(10)

"My first sport was soccer, but I don't participate anymore because I started doing gymnastics and cheer."

Morgan Hagofsky  
(10)

Name the first sport you played and why you did or did not stick with it.

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Story: A. Reiner (12)

# cheer FOR ALL TEAMS

Squad looks beyond football for other sports to cheer

Cheer practices began in the heat of the summer, but this did not keep the cheerleaders from doing what they loved. At first, because of the restrictions, the team couldn't do stunts and focused more on creating new dances and cheers. However, once they received the OK from the athletic director, Mr. Peterman, the team got back into the swing of practicing stunts.

"Since we don't have too many Friday night football games, we are open to cheering for any sporting event," Olivia Hansen (12) said.

The team had the opportunity to cheer at girls' and boys' soccer games due to the limited amount of football games. With the addition of these games, the girls got to spend more time together.

"My team is so understanding, and I really enjoy going to practices with them," Isabella Bendtsen (9) said.

Although the season differed greatly from previous years, the girls stuck together and grew closer because of it, all while doing their best to follow COVID guidelines.



## Up in the air...

At the football senior night, flyers soar through the air while the bases and backspots push for perfection. "A lot of trust goes into stunting because you have to know your group will catch you in order for the group to succeed," Lacey Mamros (12) said. Mamros had a strong bond with her stunt group which enabled her to "hit" and perfect this beautiful show-and-go stunt.

Photo: L. Mamros (par)

Photo: H. Crosby (12)



# COVID corner

During a regular season, the varsity squad cheered at a ton of football and basketball games, both home and away. Due to COVID-19, no one could cheer at away games. On top of that, cancellations caused the girls to have only three football games. To make up for the loss of some games, the school allowed the girls to cheer at some boys' and girls' soccer games. With fewer people in the stands at all these events and no student section, the cheerleading squads pushed through and made the most out of an unprecedented year.

## How did COVID-19 impact the cheer season?



"We haven't been able to have a normal season. We missed out on hype things such as away games, packed crowds, and student sections which always made the games memorable."

Katelyn Byers (12)



"My first varsity cheerleading season was interrupted by COVID. With no loud fans, no crazy student sections, and no opposing teams' cheerleaders, I experienced a different first varsity season than most."

Natalie Bollinger (11)

## grounded quote

"Without having all of our family, friends, and fans there on Senior Night, the bleachers felt so empty. Hailey [Bollinger] and I have been friends for forever and were happy to spend this night together."

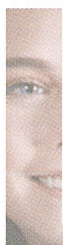
Olivia Rapacchietta (12)



# MAKING MEMORIES



"Just being around each other is something special and fun."  
*Olivia Hansen (12)*



"Creating different kinds of stunts and throwing people in the air."  
*Alyssa Finney (12)*



"Stunting is always fun. However, when it goes right, it proves how well we work as a team."  
*Olivia Croney (11)*



"Friday night football games when we have team dinners before the games."  
*Chloe Arbaugh (11)*

Discuss the most enjoyable part of the cheer season.



"After working hard on a specific stunt for multiple practices with everyone and when we perform it at a game and it hits perfectly."  
*Karissa Will (11)*

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## Half time, best time...

Performing a well-known half-time dance, Emma Mellinger (10) and Kamryn Suman (10) shine at the girls' basketball game against Plum. "I felt so confident and proud of myself as I was killing the dance," Mellinger said. This particular routine represented something the cheerleaders looked forward to performing. They said that and it never got old.

"Watching at home gives you a better view of the game, and you can hear the announcements."

*Isabella Bendtsen (9)*



"The major advantage is you don't have to sit outside on the bleachers while it's freezing cold and the wind is blowing."

*Savhanna Ruperto (9)*

Photo: L. Mamros (par)



Photo: L. Mamros (par)

## Six years and counting...

At a break in the action of a football game, Shicora Sippel (12) displays her joy. "Although it hasn't been the senior year I had dreamed of, I'm going to miss it, and I'm not ready for it to be over," Sippel said. Even with her time with the program coming to an end, she looked forward to graduating and moving into the next chapter of her life.

"I got to see the games rather than hearing about them from others, and it allowed me to keep up with the high school teams."

*Tyler Hobbins (9)*

## Flipping for fun...

During a tumble line at a football game, Hailey Bollinger (12) charges down the track while performing multiple back handsprings. "My favorite part about tumbling is when I hear all the cheerleaders counting how many back handsprings I do," Bollinger said. Though it took a lot of energy to perform back handsprings, all the cheering and support boosted Bollinger's adrenaline and made all the dizziness worth it.

What advantages have you enjoyed by watching games at home versus being at the stadium/gym?

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Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### 90% air... not these trees...

As Joe Collini (12) puts a little extra muscle into his drive on Willowbrook's hole #2, he attempts to avoid the dogleg right and drive his tee shot over the cluster of trees. "Hole #2 is difficult. That is why I almost always try to get my tee shot over the trees to cut down on the overall distance to the hole," Collini said. He started playing golf at age six by shooting around par 3 courses with his dad.

### All choked up...

While choking up on her lob wedge, Nina Konieczny (9) takes control of her shot to the green. Konieczny said, "I choked up on my club so I could be closer to the ball. It gave me better control over the club since I was making a fairly short shot to the hole. Doing that did help on that shot." Even though she had success with her wedge, she preferred to hit off the tee box with her driver.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# FRESH

## air, fun in the sun

Story: C. Mascarello (12)

### COVID can't crush caddies

Golf, not a popular high school sport drawing crowds, still required a unique focus. Out of all sports that endured a cancellation or delay during the wild haste of lockdown, golf seemed spared from the blanketed ban enacted on the spring sports season. Still, the pandemic left the golfers without a structured practicing schedule. Despite that, the irony of the situation allowed them to go out and practice during quarantine because the courses had open, wide spaces unlike other training facilities. "Quarantine actually made me play golf a lot more because that was all that was open. I was most definitely more motivated to continue working on my game," Mike Shoemaker (12) said. With the ranges and greens open, many athletes took to practicing as

much as they could to keep their skills sharp and work through issues that may possibly have hindered them. With practice also came the need for new equipment and techniques. Due to liberal amounts of time on the golfers' hands, many decided to step up their game both equipment-wise and method-wise.

"I got new tees and head covers for my clubs. I also tried to tweak my swing and improve my consistency. I also tried to improve on my accuracy and hitting my shots straight," Ella McBryde (10) said.

Change had become a general theme for life, which passed onto sports and other activities that people continued to practice, despite the bleak times.

## COVID corner

### No major changes to this outdoor sport

Buzz, buzz, splat. Golf enabled its players to enjoy the great outdoors. The COVID-19 pandemic created a lot of cumbersome mandates, primarily for indoor activities. Gratefully, the greens teams did not see any drastic changes to their season.

Restrictions required the team to wear masks

on the bus ride and in the clubhouse, and also the elimination of exchanging scorecards with opponents.

Compared to COVID's impact on other sports, this made the pandemic seem as minor as that annoying fly while making that easy putt.

Buzz, buzz, splat.

Buzz... Buzz.....



**Playing** a sport every season proved time consuming and difficult. Playing two varsity sports in the same season required excellent time management skills. Campbell Curry (11) has played soccer and golf in the fall each of the last three seasons.

Curry said, "It wasn't as bad this year since soccer was delayed two weeks due to the pandemic. With golf ending before soccer,

there was not a lot of overlap time." An ankle sprain during a soccer game proved to cut into his dual sport time, as he had to miss a week of golf and a week and a half of soccer. But, Curry looked forward to balancing soccer and golf again during his senior year.



## Juggling act



## grounded quote

"Golf is great to coach because I enjoy watching the players get better and fall in love with a game they can play the rest of their lives."

*Coach Matt Stasko*

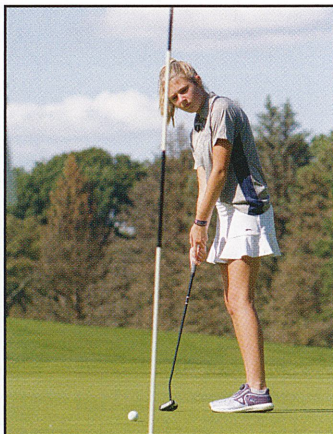


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Read the green...

As Evan Hileman (12) peers over the shoulder of Michael Shoemaker (12) on the green of Hole 6 at Willowbrook Country Club, Hileman gives Shoemaker advice on how to read the green. "I read it as sloping from right to left, but Evan seemed to think it was more of a straight shot," Shoemaker said. Shoemaker boasted of shooting a 36 for nine holes as his best outing ever.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Putt, putt golf...

As the ball rolls towards the cup, Laken Robshaw (10) hopes she read the green accurately. Robshaw said, "I'm better at my long game than putting. I have my good days with putting and my bad days, but overall, I really enjoy it, especially when the ball goes in the cup." Robshaw started refining her game six years ago and preferred to play at Willowbrook Country Club.

## BREAK IT DOWN



"A small, but hard-to-get-over bump, just outside of the hole the whole way around it... and I would shape the hole so that the ball can only enter from one very specific angle."

*Bennett Zukas (9)*

"I would design it like a war is going on in a city, and the goal is to get the ball into the White House (the hole)."

*Dominic Husack (9)*

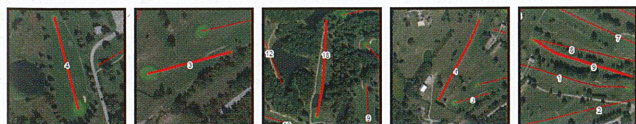
"Big Ramp over epic pyrotechnics, into a fake hole, then BOOM. The real hole opens up right behind you, but you can never win because your ball is now forever in the fake hole. You're forced to walk up to the front desk to return your club, and when the employee asks for the ball back, you have to explain that it got stuck in the fake hole. You are then forced to pay to replace the golf ball you have destroyed and will forever be ridiculed at the course."

*Dylan Arner (11)*

## Ella MCBRYDE

played for:  
**3 years**  
inspired by:  
her dad

favorite golfers:  
Tiger Woods  
and  
Phil Mickelson



"The hardest hole for me at Apollo Elks is probably hole 4 (par 3) or hole 13 (par 4). I always have trouble picking the right clubs on those holes."

*Laken Robshaw (10)*

"Hole #3 at Willowbrook Country Club (par 5)... I can never hit a good tee shot there, which makes the par 5 even longer."

*Campbell Curry (11)*

"Hole #18 at the Apollo Elks (par 4)... It has a pond right in the middle of the fairway area, and it is tricky to play around."

*Ella McBryde (10)*

"Hole #4 at Willowbrook Country Club (par 4)... A good drive is imperative on this hole."

*Joe Collini (12)*

"Willowbrook hole 9 (par 3)... It's hard to judge the distance with the incline and the wind sometimes. The green is one of the hardest ones around."

*Evan Hileman (12)*

## HOPE for par at best

Describe your most challenging golf hole.

Design the best miniature golf hole.

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Front Row: Cora Coleman, Abigail Johns, Chloe Welshans, Alexa Bollinger, Savannah Fritz, Isabella Ondish, Mia Devito; Row 2: Olivia Blankenship, Sydney Joyce, Gabriella Prignon, Rebekah Fowler, Emma Peck, Emma Beck, Isabella Delia, Zoe Holm; Row 3: Carlee Kuhn, Kate Wigton, Madalyn Polka, Alyssa Weigand, Gianna Rowan, Laci Safranyos; Back Row: Bryn Hewitt, Brooke Endress, Brynn Bires, Madison Leith, Alexis Caldwell, Margaret Pulice.

## boys' golf

8/27 Knoch W 220-238  
9/1 Shady Side Academy L 248-192  
9/3 Fox Chapel L 232-197  
9/4 Freeport W 237-263  
9/8 Hampton L 236-213  
9/10 Highlands L 235-289  
9/14 Freeport W 228-231  
9/16 Knoch W 225-233  
9/23 Fox Chapel L 235-188  
9/24 Hampton L 233-217  
9/28 Butler L 237-217  
9/30 Armstrong L 221-198

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## girls' golf

8/27 Shaler L 210-200  
9/1 Fox Chapel L 240-170  
9/2 Butler L 213-166  
9/3 Gateway W 199-257  
9/4 Shady Side Academy L 258-206  
9/8 Franklin Regional L 221-180  
9/9 Armstrong L 216-212  
9/17 Fox Chapel L 211-167  
9/21 Butler L 245-179  
9/25 Shady Side Academy L 232-212  
9/28 Franklin Regional L 238-184  
9/29 Armstrong L 244-213  
9/29 Shaler L 244-242  
10/1 Indiana L 235-189

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## volleyball

9/14 Penn Hills L 2-3  
9/15 Woodland Hills W 3-1  
9/17 Franklin Regional L 1-3  
9/22 McKeesport W 3-0  
9/24 Plum L 0-3  
9/29 Indiana L 0-3  
10/1 Greensburg Salem W 3-2  
10/6 Penn Hills W 3-0  
10/8 Woodland Hills W 3-0  
10/13 Franklin Regional L 2-3  
10/15 McKeesport W 3-1  
10/20 Plum L 1-3  
10/22 Indiana L 1-3  
10/24 Greensburg Salem W 3-0

### Playoffs

10/27 Trinity L 0-3

7-8



Victoria Berberich, Nina Konieczny, Ella McBryde, Laken Robshaw; Not Pictured: Briannon Miller.



Front Row: Bryson Mohney, Geno Gallippi, Nicolas Whitesell, Tyler Veselicky, Campbell Curry, Josh Schrader; Back Row: Christopher Massari, Kolin Shafer, Mason Pierce, Evan Hileman, Michael Shoemaker, Joseph Collini, Tyler King.

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## boys' varsity golf



Brady Rametta, Jason Buczak, Jackson Newell, Vionno Pugliese, Luke Cawley, Liam Patton.

"I quit soccer after two weeks because I didn't like 'the chasey ball part.'"

Katie Wigton (10)

"In 7th grade, I hurt my foot and the doctor said I could not play soccer again because the bone is forever messed up."

Jackson Newell (10)

## boys' junior varsity golf



"Clementines help to keep me hydrated."  
Emma Peck (9)



"I love to eat Stauffer's Animal Crackers before a game. They are my all time favorite snack."  
Abigail Johns (9)



"Plain hot dog that I make at home."  
Brady Rametta (10)



"Caramel Gatorade protein bar and Cool Blue Gatorade gummies."  
Cora Coleman (9)



"Pringles with a bunch of Powerades."  
Jackson Newell (10)



"Swedish Fish."  
Joe Collini (12)

## Bite BACK



"Takis chips."  
Ella McBryde (10)



"At away matches, we always have fried chicken ordered in for us."  
Chloe Welshans (9)

What is your go-to snack before a golf/volleyball match that keeps you from getting hangry?

Name the first sport you played and why you did or did not stick with it.

"Soccer. I played it for eight years, but then it was in the same season as volleyball for high school, and I decided to play volleyball, not soccer."

Alyssa Weigand (10)

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Story: R. Fowler (12)

# DECIBEL DOWN

Only indoor fall sport steers around mandates

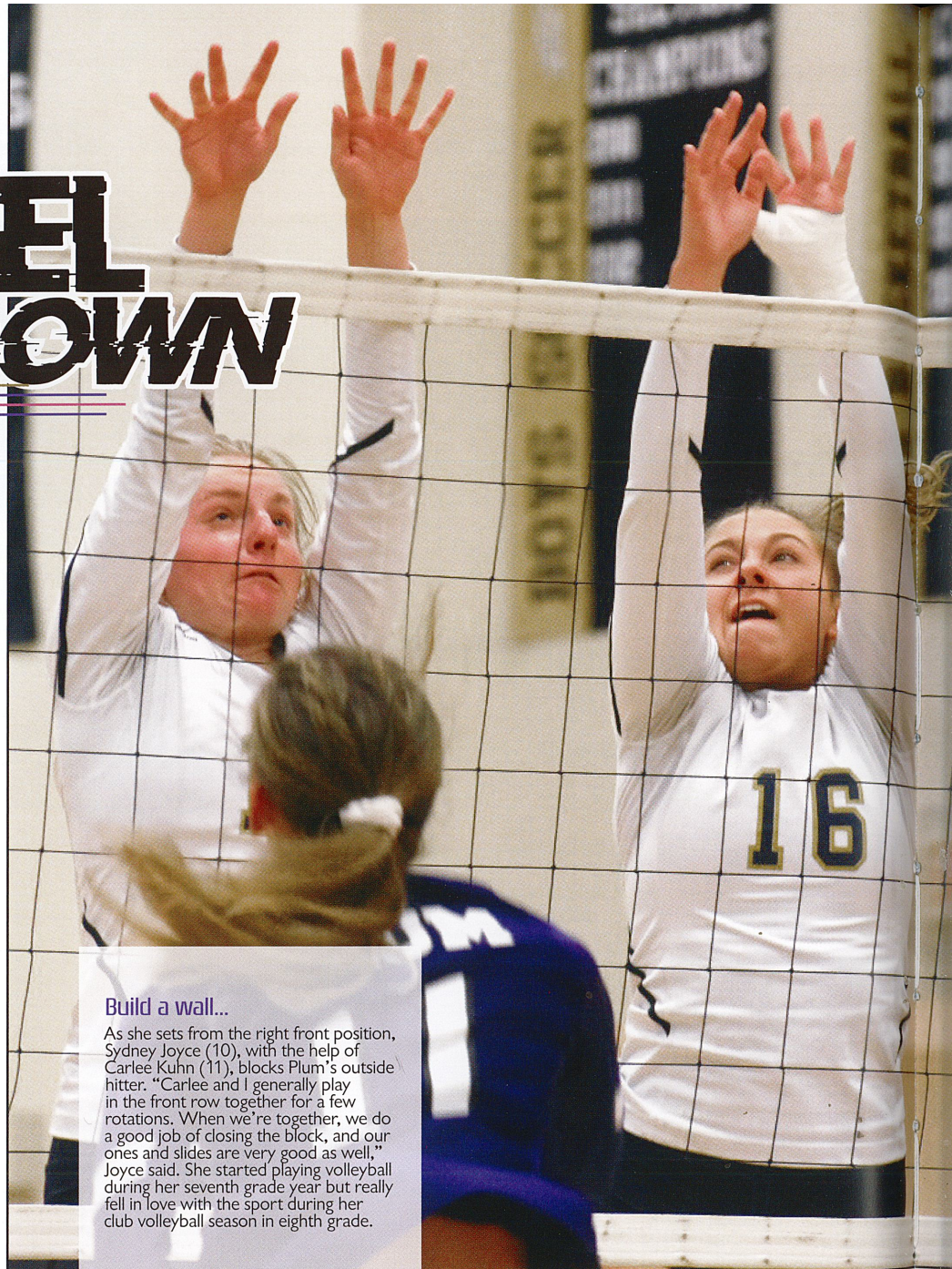
Visions of crowded bleachers and shouting students inhabited the players' minds when the girls' volleyball team stepped into the gym for their first home game, but this season, those memories would remain memories. Due to state mandates, the entire team could not fully inhabit the gym to experience the atmosphere of the game.

"This past season has been so different from what I had expected because we could not have everyone together in the gym. This was so weird to me since I am used to having people in the gym to keep up the energy when the people on the court lose it. Also, to have people hyping us up really helped us get ready to play our best," Savannah Fritz (9) said.

The girls faced different challenges than other fall sports since their competitions occurred outdoors. However, the girls would not let the strict guidelines affect their play, nor their teamwork. Despite the vast amount of changes, the team took this opportunity to grow closer together and truly appreciate the ability to take the court together.

"Even though it was different, I couldn't be more grateful to have been able to have a senior season for a sport that I love so much," Olivia Blankenship (12) said.

All in all, the success and appreciation the members of the girls' volleyball team experienced during the unprecedented 2020 season outweighed the restrictions they had to endure.



## Build a wall...

As she sets from the right front position, Sydney Joyce (10), with the help of Carlee Kuhn (11), blocks Plum's outside hitter. "Carlee and I generally play in the front row together for a few rotations. When we're together, we do a good job of closing the block, and our ones and slides are very good as well," Joyce said. She started playing volleyball during her seventh grade year but really fell in love with the sport during her club volleyball season in eighth grade.

Photo: S. Smietana (10)



**Coach** Jodie McCartney stressed the "if you feel sick stay home" mentality. She had to strike the needing-a-doctor's-excuse-to-miss-practice from the player contract. McCartney said, "In June, when we were allowed back in the gym together, we started in small groups. Every two weeks, we expanded these groups. By the beginning of August, our whole team was playing together in the gym. Before every preseason workout, practice, or game, the girls had to complete a COVID symptom checker. Before every away game, I had to take the temperature of each player before

we boarded the bus, certifying they were not running a fever. Along with the symptom checking and monitoring health, we sanitized after every practice. I found that Lysol spray works best to quickly disinfect the volleyballs. The girls stayed after practice and helped with this task. Following these protocols allowed us to complete our entire season. I will be happy when we can go back to normal, but until we get to that point, we have a system in place that seemed to be successful."

## grounded quote

"To be a setter, I have to be vocal on the court, and I need to be a leader. I love to bring together my team and play such a vital position of the game."

Alyssa Weigand (10)

COVID  
corner



# GET IN POSITION



"My favorite part of being a **middle hitter** would be when you get the perfect block and you turn around and have the support of your whole team there."  
Brynn Bires (10)



"My favorite part about being a **right side hitter** was learning a new position for the first time and getting to set occasionally, which I enjoy doing."  
Brooke Endress (12)



"My favorite part about being a **defensive specialist** is the thrill of digging a hard hit, passing difficult balls, and the excitement afterwards."  
Madalyn Polka (10)



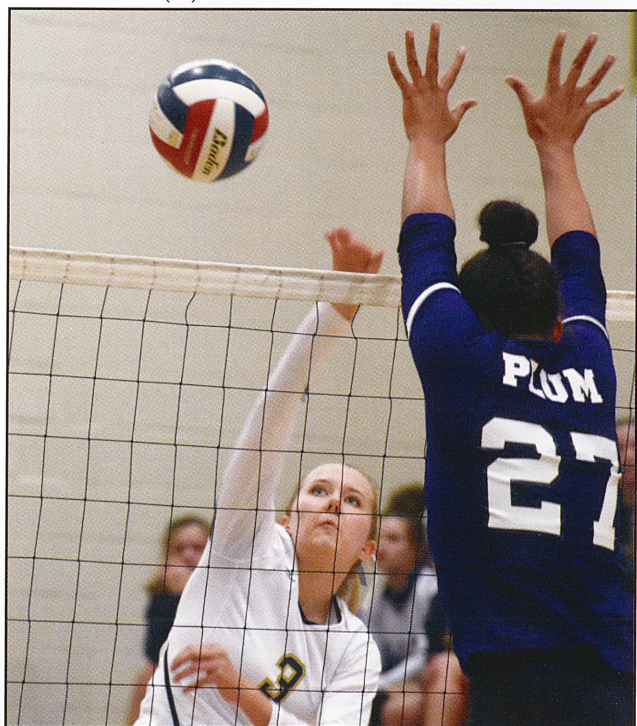
My favorite thing about being the **libero** is the presence I must have in the back row and the vocal aspect of communicating with my hitters and my setter."  
Bekah Fowler (12)

Discuss the role of each position on the court...



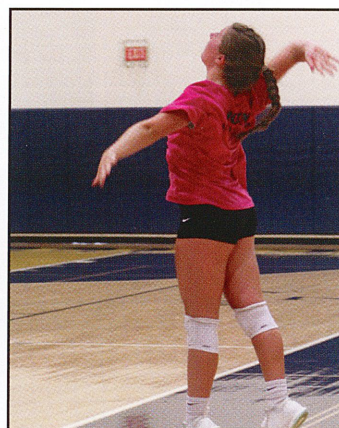
"My favorite part about being an **outside hitter** is my role in the offense and being able to make big plays by hitting down the line, which is my favorite place to swing."  
Alexis Caldwell (12)

Photo: S. Smietana (10)



## Precision placement...

Rising high above the net, Lexi Caldwell (12) places a hard cross hit around Plum's biggest blocker. Caldwell said, "My favorite part of playing volleyball is when our team plays as a unit. When we run our offense successfully, it's some of the most fun and exciting volleyball that I've ever played." She figured that she would continue playing volleyball for the rest of her life and join intramural teams in college.



"When I wasn't spending eight hours on schoolwork, I worked out, watched Netflix and played volleyball."

Savannah Fritz (9)

"I played basketball and volleyball and ran."

Abigail Johns (9)

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## Hit the spot...

Before Kate Wigton (10) serves at practice, she surveys the other side of the net and attempts to place the volleyball where no one can get to it. "I think the strategic placement of a serve is more important because it does not matter how hard the serve is when you can place it in a spot where the other team cannot pass it," Wigton said. She played for Allegheny Volleyball Club the last two years and planned to try out for Westmoreland Elite Club this year.

"I spent time watching Netflix, playing Mario Kart, and sleeping. I was finally able to get nine hours of sleep in a night."

Laci Safranyos (10)

## Clutch point...

As Rebekah Fowler (12) celebrates winning the point, her teammates share equally in the joyous occasion. Fowler said, "There does not seem to be one person on this team that does not absolutely love this game. We are not afraid to share our emotions on the court." Fowler and her teammates qualified for the playoffs, but lost to Trinity High School in the first round.

What activities did you do to pass the time during the coronavirus shutdown.



Photo: S. Smietana (10)

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Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Defend the goal...

While the team warms up, Maxine Crosby (10) stops the ball from going in the net by making saves. "I love home games because we get more support from other athletes and the student body," Crosby said. Crosby loved to win as a team, make accomplishments, and most importantly, make new friendships.

### Go for it...

After some airplay of the ball, Emerson Johngarlo (11) and Karly Keller (11) battle to gain possession. "My favorite part about playing is being with my friends and winning together," Johngarlo said. She hoped to play soccer in college.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

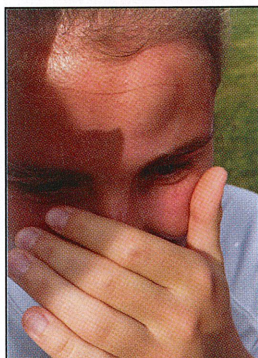
# HARDLY

## any freshmen, not a problem

Story: S. Linhart (12)

### USING YOUR head

During the Indiana game, Faith Andree (11) and a girl on the other team simultaneously jumped for a header and wound up smacking heads. Andree had to leave the field due to a possible concussion, but she returned about five minutes later. Andree indicated that the bump remained visible for at least three weeks afterward.



Traditionally, tasks like collecting the soccer balls after practice and setting up cones during drills belonged to the freshmen class. However, the girls soccer team gained only one freshman. Therefore, these duties quickly became a team effort. Sophomores carried the water cooler on and off the bus for the away games, and juniors and seniors helped put equipment away.

Since the team lost more players than they gained, varsity players stepped in to play goalkeeper during junior varsity games.

"When I played JV keeper, I actually had a lot of fun. It was fun to be involved and get to play with all of the girls on the team, and I wanted to try my best to not

Team tasks reserved for newbies become everyone's responsibility

let the team down," Emily Schrag (12) said.

The girls also suffered countless injuries which forced the team to come together even more than they already had.

"Having a smaller team definitely made it harder playing-wise, but it made us closer as a team, and we all got to play together," Kaylee Elwood (12) said.

The girls qualified for the playoffs and ended the season with an overall record of eight wins, seven losses, and one tie.





### Love of the game...

Already used to wearing masks, the girls understood the importance of the necessary and mandated safeguards just to have a season. Some of the precautions they took included wearing a mask while on the bench, taking home their pinnies to wash them, not sharing them, and they had to take two busses to away matches, with only one student allowed per seat.

### How has the pandemic affected your soccer season?



"I think the worst part about it was how we had to be separated from one another on the bus rides."

Hanna Zidek (12)



"It was definitely different from any other year. We weren't able to do our traditional pinky hold during the National Anthem, and we had to take two buses going to games. Although it was tough, we still got through it and learned new ways to be close with each other."

Kaylee Elwood (12)



"Prior to the start of the season, when it was announced that there was a chance that we might not get to play, I got really upset."

Linzey Miller (11)

### grounded quote

"My parents and my love for the sport are two of my main motivations to play."

Allison Thompson (10)



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Outside defender...

During the Saturday afternoon matchup against Indiana, Emily Schrag (12) prepares to take the ball up the field. Schrag said, "This year, my coaches helped me gain a new confidence in myself that I never truly had before. I knew I needed to step up for the team as a leader, being a captain, because it was my senior year." Schrag enjoyed getting out on the field and fighting for each win with her team.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Stopping Indiana...

As the opposing team tries to steal the ball, Carli Luciano (11) defends it to keep possession. "My favorite part about winning is the feeling of knowing we gave it our all, and it shows that hard work pays off," Luciano said. On the turf, she played the midfield position.

## BREAK IT DOWN



"Soccer was the sport I've spent the most time on, and I really grew to love it."

Emily Schrag (12)

Karly KELLER

left field

inspired by:  
Starling Marte  
Pittsburgh Pirates

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"I have played soccer since I was 3.5 years old and continue to play it because I love the competitiveness and winning."

Madison Bachar (10)

"I really enjoyed soccer when I was little, and I was pretty good, so I stuck with it."

Sierra Linhart (12)



## CAN YOU believe the nerve?

What team/item gets on your last nerve?

"I would say Franklin Regional because it's always a good game with them. We get hype every time we go against them, knowing we have to bring the speed and effort."

Devan Sonafelt (10)

"One thing that really gets on my nerves is playing in the rain because my cleats get filled with water, making them squishy, and turf sticks everywhere."

Carly Luciano (11)

"An opponent that has no sportsmanship... When I play against a team that has a lot of rude and disrespectful players, it bothers me. They have no reason to act that way."

Carly Shupe (9)

"Hampton has been a difficult opponent of ours since last year whenever they took us into overtime. They always put up a good fight, and they never hold back."

Sierra Linhart (12)

"One of the tougher teams that we played this year was Norwin, even though they are in a different section."

Madison Bachar (10)

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## boys' soccer

*Front Row:* Liam Foley, Nathan Witt, Philip Harris, Tyler Hobbins, Tyler Zoldak, Jackson Sandor; *Row 2:* Brenden Lott, Alexander Plusquellec, Cannon Hayes; *Row 3:* Benjamin Townsend, Ronin Wilczek, Noah Henry, Owen Zimmerman, Anders Bordoy, Connor Wolfgang, Quentin Wilson, Zachary Jordan, Daniel Seybert, Aaron Witt, Nathaniel Coleman; *Row 4:* John Wolfe, Campbell Curry, Trey Curry, Maddox Anderson, Adam Johnson, Alistair Polk, Matthew Brink; *Back Row:* Coach David Anderson, Owen Barr, Ethan Krystek, Cole Fluman, Mason Hall, Ryan Nauyokas, Ethan Beck, Lucas Harold, Travis Rogal, Coach Sean Arnold.



## girls' soccer

*Front Row:* Bryanna Finney, Payton Buffone, Madison Bachar, Lexiann Colaanni, Isabella Devito, Carly Shupe, Riley Koziatke; *Row 2:* Linzey Miller, Elizabeth Crawford, Maxine Crosby, Hanna Zidek, Faith Andree, Sophia Trapani, Madison Dodek, Monica Schmelzer; *Row 3:* Devan Sonafelt, Carly Keller, Kayla Mull, Emily Schrag, Kaylee Elwood, Allison Thompson; *Back Row:* Carli Luciano, Sierra Linhart, Madison Corna, Emerson Johngarlo. *Coaches:* Mike Spagnolo and Kelly Antonucci.



# Well

## THAT'S OFFENSIVE...

Comment on a horrible ref call while playing your position on the team.



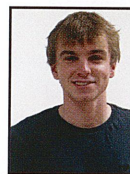
"In the home game against Armstrong, the ref called me for having clear, plastic earrings in. Our coach got a yellow card for it. Since it was a night game, I have no idea how he saw them."

Lexiann Colaanni (10)



"A call that made me really mad was when we played against Franklin Regional the second time in double over time. I got a penalty when the other girl was grabbing and pulling on me."

Elizabeth Crawford (11)



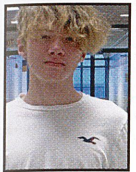
"I got tripped from behind on a breakaway, and they did not call the foul."

Campbell Curry (11)



"I was playing goalie for a game against Knoch. I slid out to get the ball, and a player from the other team tripped over his own foot, but the ref called a penalty a kick."

Jackson Sandoz (9)



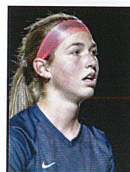
"A Franklin player tripped on the ball because it got caught between his legs. We got a foul called and ended up getting scored on for that foul. It tied the game."

Cannon Hayes (9)



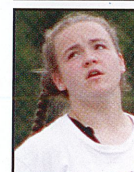
"West Mifflin had a penalty kick. The ref blew the whistle to give the shooter the go ahead, and he missed the net. Everyone was happy, but the ref declared that he was able to retake the shot because I ran into the box too early. He ended up scoring and taking away our shutout."

Nathaniel Coleman (12)



"In our first Franklin Regional game, we were tied 1-1 with three minutes left in the game, and the refs called a PK for Franklin. They scored, and that just ended the game. It made us very mad because it was physical the entire time."

Emily Schrag (12)



"I don't remember which game it was, but one time, the ref made a late offsides call as I went to make a save. I got hurt in the process."

Maxine Crosby (10)

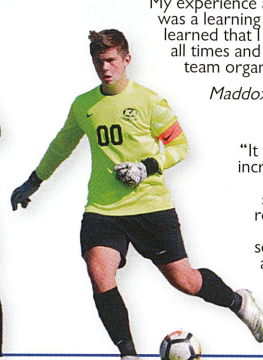
## LEAD BY EXAMPLE...

Captains discuss their leadership roles



"Being a captain this year was exciting for me because I was able to lead the team during a great season. It was amazing to see the team come together and play well as a leader for the team."

Owen Zimmerman (11)

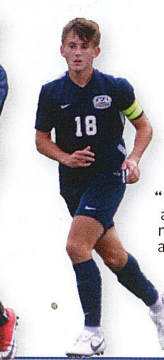


"My experience as a team captain was a learning year for me. I learned that I have to be vocal at all times and then to keep the team organized and positive."

Maddox Anderson (10)

"It was a very unexpected and incredible honor to represent as a captain for the 2020 season. It felt amazing to represent my school, not only as a part of the soccer program, but also as a leader of our team."

Anders Bordoy (10)



"Being named a captain is just a label. This year, we did not need captains. Everyone was accountable for themselves."

Nathaniel Coleman (10)

"As a captain, I am the person that underclassmen look up to and the coaches look at to hold the team together. It was great to see all of the teamwork that created our successful season."

Aaron Witt (12)

### boy's soccer

9/14 West Mifflin W 5-1  
9/19 Penn Hills W 5-0  
9/22 Gateway W 3-2  
9/24 Franklin Regional L 0-6  
9/26 Indiana T 4-4  
9/28 Woodland Hills W 7-0  
9/30 Plum L 0-1  
10/1 Woodland Hills W 4-0  
10/3 West Mifflin W 4-0  
10/6 Obama Academy W 3-1  
10/8 Penn Hills W 6-0  
10/10 Obama Academy W 7-0  
10/12 Gateway W 5-2  
10/14 Franklin Regional L 0-6  
10/17 Plum L 0-1  
10/20 Knoch W 3-1

#### Playoffs

10/24 Hampton L 1-3

11-5-1

### girls' soccer

9/15 Hampton L 1-4  
9/17 Armstrong W 4-0  
9/19 Franklin Regional L 1-3  
9/21 Knoch W 5-2  
9/23 Gateway W 2-0  
9/26 Indiana W 3-1  
9/29 Butler L 0-7  
10/1 Franklin Regional T 0-0  
10/3 Norwin L 0-6  
10/5 Hampton L 0-2  
10/7 Armstrong W 5-0  
10/10 Knoch W 6-0  
10/13 Gateway W 4-1  
10/17 Seneca Valley L 0-3  
10/19 Burrell W 2-0

#### Playoffs

10/26 Thomas Jefferson L 1-3

8-7-1



"This year, as a captain, I learned that in order to be successful, you must work together as one. We faced many challenges, but we were successful in the season because we worked as a team to overcome everything we were faced with."

Faith Andree (12)



"Being a captain this year was challenging, but fun, because I got to show leadership. Also, I enjoy helping out the other girls when they need help."

Kaylee Elwood (12)



"Being a captain this year was such a great experience. I learned a lot about leadership, and it gave me a new perspective on the team. It was a lot of fun and gave me the confidence to step up and take on a leadership role on and off the field."

Emily Schrag (12)

"I feel that I can go far in soccer and hope to play in college."

Maxine Crosby (10)

"Soccer... I just have stuck with it."

Brenden Lott (9)

"I always liked soccer. At an early age, I knew I wanted to stick with it for as long as I could."

Nate Coleman (10)

Name the first sport you played and why you did or did not stick with it.

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### 3, 2, 1 action...

With his hands above his head, Nathaniel Coleman (11) intensifies the play. "Running on offense is always where the action is. It comes with high intensity, as well," Coleman said. Playing on varsity with the seniors brought back middle school memories for Coleman.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Bench discussion...

Gathering thoughts with his teammates, Ben Townsend (11) focuses on the game. "If the game play is intense, you already know the bench is fierce," Townsend said. He remembered the greatness of the team, whether on the bus to and from games, on the field, practice, or the bench.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Geared up for defense...

With sight lines of the entire field, Maddox Anderson (11) stays focused at all times. "Being a goalie comes with one simple task, but a whole lot of responsibility. You have to stay ready and in position in case that ball comes towards you," Anderson said. Growing up, Anderson always had soccer in his life with the inspiration of his older brother and his passion for the game.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Caution arises...

With the opposing player close by, Travis Rogal (11) cautiously dribbles the ball. "The team is what the entire game is about. If your teammates are off, so is your game. Keep the mood high, and the game will be smooth," Rogal said. Rogal enjoyed supporting his teammates and other KAHS sports by using the phrase, "ROLLCAVS."

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### One on one...

While being challenged by an Indiana player, Trey Curry (10) attempts to get ahead of his opponent. "Nothing beats playing the game good and getting a lead on your opponent," Curry said. Curry lived by the saying "Practice makes perfect," and he enjoyed practicing with his teammates.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Breakaway...

Fiercely running from the opposing player, Cole Fluman (10) focuses on making the winning shot. "The game is all about being in the mindset of success," Fluman said. He recounted how the coaches preached that all players needed to have a bond with their teammates, which helped to make everything successful.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Almost collision...

Focused on the ball, Owen Barr (11) runs up onto it. "Being on the field and making memories with my buddies is something I will never forget," Barr said. He expected to continue to play on the varsity team, which defined the next step in Barr's high school career.

## COVID CORNER

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



Season goes from dream to reality after some delay.

"While we had to wear a mask on the bench, we were given time to be without a mask if we had just come off the field. It really did not bother me much to have to wear one."

Adam Johnson (12)

Getting to play and getting the season in seemed to characterize a pipe dream in early August. However, as the month progressed, it turned into reality as the PIAA and WPIAL posted a variety of safety protocols for all fall sports. As an outdoor sport, the soccer team had less protocols to worry about than an indoor sport, but they became important, nonetheless.

A two-week delay to the season provided for some inconveniences, but most of the games on the schedule occurred.

Matthew Brink (12) said, "Looking back on it now, wearing masks while on the bench, wearing masks while on the bus, and using our own individual water bottles was not a big deal. I am glad that I got to have a senior soccer season."

The boys' team had hoped for a long run in the playoffs, but a tough 3-1 loss to Hampton in the first round brought the season to an end.



"I miss watching my kids play the sport they love and excel at, I miss their teammates and the friendships that I formed with their parents, and I miss the leftover sauerkraut and mustard from the concession stand."

*Kim Poleski (fac)*



# BRACING

## for the finish

Chaotic schedule requires everyone's effort

Story: E. Fuhrer (12)

The boy's soccer team usually would play their starters at least for one half, if not more, in every game, regardless of opponent. However, unusual circumstances in an unusual year led to the team playing their starters on some nights for 20 minutes, ten minutes, or even benching some of their key players for the entirety of games.

"This year, you had to worry a lot more about kids getting little injuries," Ben Townsend (11) said, a regular starter for the team who sat out the entirety of the team's final home game. "We know that everyone else is in the same situation as we are."

The risk of fatigue and injury rose higher because of cancellations and games rescheduled in the first half to the second half of the season. This led to the team having to face the reality of playing nine games in 21 days.

"If you have good players on the bench, you get the same results that you originally want with the starters," Adam Johnson (12) said, a defender who frequently came off the bench to give the team's starters some rest. "We have a big responsibility because we have to live up to the expectations of our teammates to finish out games."



### Eleven for one...

Prior to the game, the team lines up during the singing of the National Anthem. "We like to show our unity for the common goal of winning the game," Zachary Jordan (11) said. A 3-2 victory over Gateway ensued, followed by a season sweep after a 5-2 victory in October.

"I Watched Netflix, went outside, and hung out with friends, all while social distancing. I also organized my room, which I wouldn't have done if we weren't locked down."

*Zachary Jordan (11)*

List the activities you did to pass the time during the coronavirus shutdown.

"I biked, worked out, played soccer, and wrestled. I wouldn't have biked if it weren't for the shutdown."

*Noah Henry (10)*

"I played soccer outside, played video games, and played baseball."

*Philip Harris (9)*

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Story: J. Swanson (fac)

# youth MOVEMENT

Girls' team manages a new line-up after multiple players graduate...

Northwest Westmoreland County has never earned the moniker of tennis hotbed. Fielding a competitive squad year in and year out proved difficult. When a team consisting of primarily seniors graduated, Coach Trent Goerk had to find young talent to make up the lineup for the next year. Eight seniors graduated from the 2019 girls' squad, and they played most of the matches.

"I've got a young team this year. We're going to encounter growing pains, and it may be a difficult year. But, we will come together and get stronger as each year progresses," Coach Goerk said.

The team found a gem in freshman Ambur Orowitz. She started playing tennis in third grade and vaulted to the team's first singles position. She and Darian Sonafelt (12) primarily manned the top two positions each match.

"I really liked playing number one singles. I faced the best that each team had to offer. It was hard, and there were times that I would not have minded playing third singles," Orowitz said.

Fellow freshmen Makenna MacLean and Lindsay Bush also saw a lot of playing time. To help the team replace the graduating seniors of Sonafelt and Nicole Gross, Coach Goerk would acquire a new freshman sensation next year with the arrival of Ava Culp (8).

"I met Ava last summer and we played tennis and got lessons together at the Rashid Hassan Tennis Academy in Murrysburg," Orowitz said.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## Perfect stance...

As she anxiously waits for the serve to reach her, Lindsay Bush (10) prepares to strike the ball back at her opponent. "I enjoyed this season because I got to play a sport I like, and I made new friends in the process," Bush said. She joined the team just this year, but had five years of previous experience under her belt.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

The boys' team started practices and got a match in on March 11, two days before everything shut down. While they did not get to even attempt to follow precautions regarding COVID-19, the girls' team completed their entire season by eliminating handshakes and formal team introductions and wearing masks whenever maintaining social distancing proved impossible. Luckily, from the beginning of the fall sports season, most felt that tennis would not act as a situation where the virus would spread easily.

## What precautions did you have to follow due to the pandemic?



"Before each match, the teams shake hands before we start and after the match is over. We couldn't do that this year due to COVID. Social distancing was hard to keep up with at times."

Darian Sonafelt (12)



"I was disappointed that my first season on the team was cancelled. I am glad that we did get one match in against Greensburg Salem."

Nicolas Whitesell (11)

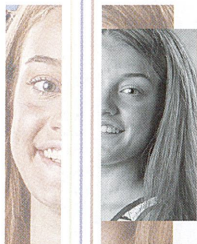
## grounded quote

"The tennis season is not nearly as intense as soccer, but we still have to stay in good shape to be successful."

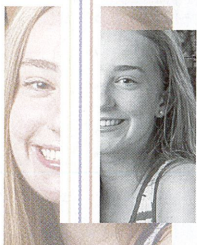
Trey Curry (10)



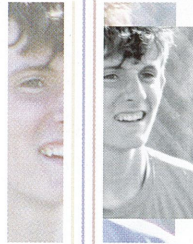
# WHAT A RACKET...



"Definitely my backhand... because I feel powerful when I hit the ball."  
*Nicole Gross (12)*



"My favorite part was being able to play a really fun sport along with a lot of my friends."  
*Asya Welch (10)*

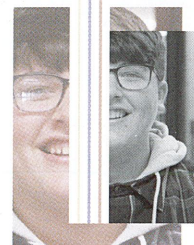


"I have done a nice job improving my forehand groundstroke."  
*Nathaniel Coleman (10)*



"The part that I like the most is my backhand groundstroke."  
*Cameran Thompson (11)*

## What element of the tennis game do you enjoy most?



"Personally, I am best at my serve. Serves are 80% of the game so once you get that down, you automatically become a good player. What I like to do the best is my one-handed backhand that I have been working on."  
*Jackson Newell (10)*

Photo: M. Webb (2020 grad)



### Down the line...

While perfecting his right-handed forehand groundstroke, Bryson Mohny (12) looks to hit the ball down the line past his practice partner. Mohny said, "I was really disappointed when the matches were cancelled last year because I always look forward to having fun with the team and coach." Mohny joined the team his sophomore year since his brother Payton (2018 grad) played on the team.



"When I wasn't spending 20 hours a week on schoolwork, I watched Netflix, played video games, and danced. I also redid my room."

*Nicole Gross (12)*

Photo: M. Webb (2020 grad)

### A Novak no-doubter...

As James Mundy (12) attempts to serve the ball in practice, he keeps in mind the serving form of tennis superstar Novak Djokovic. Mundy said, "I joined the tennis team to have fun while hanging with my friends, but since I started playing, I have really come to appreciate the skill that the superstars possess in this sport." Mundy picked up a racket his sophomore year and has not looked back since.

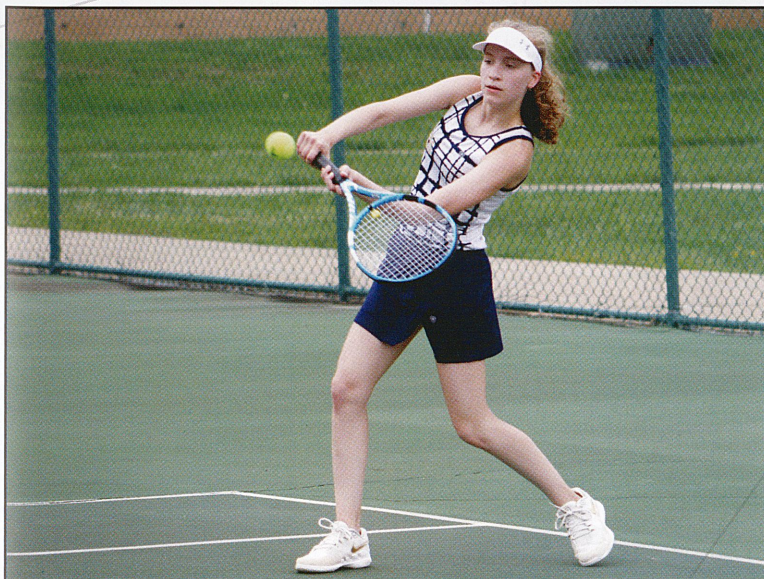


Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

"I FaceTimed my friends, practiced my instruments, and read a lot. I started clarinet lessons (over FaceTime, of course) and probably wouldn't have done that if I didn't have to stay home."

*Lindsay Bush (9)*

### Mind on the match...

With her sights set on the ball, Ambur Orowitz (9) steps into her backhand return. "This tennis season was really exciting since I got the opportunity to play more matches. All of the teams were really fun to play against, even if some presented me with a challenge," Orowitz said. She enjoyed the team atmosphere and the opportunity to make new friends.

"I played tennis, cooked, and played board games. I also started to play piano."

*Asya Welch (10)*

List the activities you did to pass the time during the coronavirus shutdown.

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## boys' tennis

*Top Row:* Jackson Newell, Kamryn Daugherty, Anders Bordoy, Ethan Beck, Jackson Sandor, Nathaniel Coleman;  
*Bottom Row:* Liam Patton, Calder Gee, Nicolas Whitesell, Ronin Wilczek, Trey Curry, Zach Jordan; *Coach:* Trent Goerk.



## girls' tennis

*Front Row:* Jessica Starr, Sabrina Wilson, Grace Hill, Asya Welch, Makenna MacLean; *Back Row:* Lindsay Bush, Katelyn Bombalski, Darian Sonafelt, Nicole Gross, Cameran Thompson, Ambur Orowitz. *Coach:* Trent Goerk.



## hockey

11/3 Freeport L 4-7  
 11/10 Fox Chapel W 11-2  
 11/16 Erie McDowell W 6-1  
 12/7 Blackhawk W 8-0  
 1/11 North Hills L 0-1  
 1/18 Beaver W 11-1  
 1/19 North Catholic W 3-1  
 1/21 South Park L 2-3  
 1/25 Westmont Hilltop W 5-2  
 2/4 Quaker Valley W 12-5  
 2/9 Fox Chapel W 9-5  
 2/22 North Catholic W 3-2  
 2/25 Freeport W 4-1  
 3/2 North Catholic W 5-4  
 3/8 Wheeling Catholic W 7-3  
 3/15 Sewickley Academy W 11-1  
 3/16 Norwin W 6-2  
 3/18 Chartiers Valley W 5-2

15-3

## girls' tennis

9/1 Burrell L 1-4  
 9/3 Armstrong W 4-1  
 9/4 Franklin Regional L 1-4  
 9/8 Hempfield L 0-5  
 9/9 Norwin L 0-5  
 9/10 Latrobe L 0-5  
 9/14 Penn Trafford L 0-5  
 9/21 Gateway W 3-2  
 9/22 Valley L 0-5  
 9/23 Butler L 0-5  
 9/25 Burrell L 2-3  
 9/28 Connellsville L 0-5

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## boys' tennis

3/15 Greensburg Salem (away)  
 3/16 Knoch (home)  
 3/17 Plum (home)  
 3/19 Butler (home)  
 3/22 Hempfield (home)  
 3/24 Penn Trafford (away)  
 3/25 Burrell (away)  
 3/26 Highlands (away)  
 3/29 Norwin (home)  
 3/31 Latrobe (away)  
 4/6 Gateway (home)  
 4/9 Plum (away)  
 4/12 Franklin Regional (away)  
 4/15 Connellsville (home)  
 4/16 Knoch (away)  
 4/22 Burrell (home)  
 4/26 Butler (away)



*"I like playing hockey because of the hard work you have to put into the sport and the skill sets you have to have to play."*

**Matt Behrik (9)**



## varsity hockey

*Front Row:* Ethan George, Evin Brice, Hunter Perfetta, Nick Miles; *Row 2:* Aidan Bardine, Mason Pierce, Ryan Clinger, Kyle Guido, Liam Alexander, Rowan Alexander, Michael Rayburg; *Back Row:* Jonathan Ayres, Nico Slomka, Matt Clinger, Evan Hileman; *Coaches:* Mark Hastings (Head Coach), Bill Alexander, Chuck Sites.



## jv hockey

*Front Row:* Anthony Gwinn, Geho Gallippi, Hunter Perfetta, Justin Keys, Evan Hileman; *Back Row:* Luke Gray, Alexei Cramer, Nick Miles, Matthew Behrik, Liam Alexander, Adam Altman.

"I would not like it. I don't like going a few days without seeing my loved ones."

Zane Davidson  
(12)

As a professional athlete, how would you feel about separation from family and friends for months to go into a bubble to finish your season?

"I would not like to have to leave my family for sports. I think it is a bit ridiculous to have to be in a bubble to play sports. You shouldn't have to do that."

Nicolas Whitesell (11)

"I would be fine with it personally. These sports are professional businesses, and many times, these players have to stay away from families if they have a long stretch of away games."

Brennan Moore (9)

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Story: E. Fuhrer (12)

# timeout FOR THE TEAM

Hockey season stalls,  
players wait for  
restart

Coming off of a season that saw the hockey team come two games away from a spot in the state title game, expectations started off high for a team which had a core of forwards stacked with seniors. It seemed unlikely at times, but the puck dropped eventually on the 2020-21 season, and as the team sat near the top of their division four games in, disaster struck. The season suddenly ground to a halt.

"I was pretty angry and confused," Alexei Cramer (12) said. "I was mad that we had the season paused halfway even though we didn't think the conditions changed."

Whenever the season stopped, the team anxiously awaited any sign that they could get back to playing. The days began to tick on and while some players had doubts that they would get back to the ice, optimism grew that the season would eventually continue.

"I didn't think we were going to come back," Evan Hileman (12) said. "I did want to stay excited, however, because I wanted to play my senior year."

Three days into the new year, the team finally began preparations for the restart of the hockey season. And, on January 11th, the hockey team faced off against North Hills in their first game in 34 days. The team, after facing an unusual and lengthy shutdown, finally got to take the ice again.

"Yeah, it was different for us having a break," Ryan Clinger (10) said. "When you're back after a long time, it extends the time commitment, but it's cool to play hockey again."



## Stick handling sweetness...

While making a move on the Erie McDowell goalie, Jonathan Ayres (12) attempts to put one through the five-hole. "I love being out on the ice and playing real games. Practice is fun too, but I have a blast getting out there and seeing our hard work pay off during the games," Ayres said. He first laced up his skates for hockey back in third grade.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



# COVID corner

**Governor** Wolf's directive regarding the stoppage of activities in mid-December until early January put the team's season on hiatus. Prior to the shutdown, Center Ice Arena required all parents and friends in attendance to wear masks, as well as the coaches on the bench. Coach Mark Hastings provided a good example as he watched the action going on in front of him. Following the stoppage, Evan Hileman (12) said, "It's kind of eerie at the arena. There are a lot less people there now than there were before the shutdown."

## What did you do to stay hockey-sharp during the shutdown?



"Went to multiple camps and took some private lessons."  
Evin Brice (10)



"I shot pucks into a net that I have in my garage."  
Evan Hileman (12)



"I stayed in shape by doing physical training with the Navy such as running, pushups, situps, and planks."  
Alexei Cramer (12)

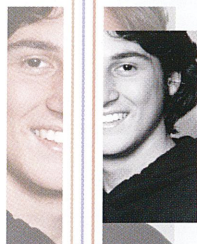
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"As a former Cavs hockey player, it's good to see that the program is still in a good and competitive position."

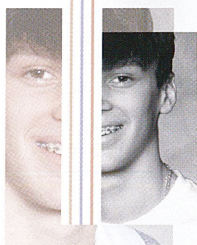
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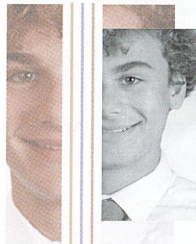
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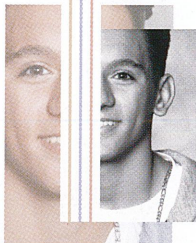
"I like the P88 curve. It's not too much of a curve, but is just enough for what I need."  
Ryan Clinger (10)



"I prefer the P92 curve because I like the way the puck sticks to it."  
Matt Clinger (11)

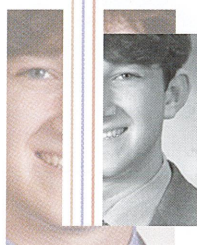


"I started using the Kane 88 curve back in around first grade. I like it, I am used to it, and I see no need to change."  
Stephen Rayburg (12)



"I use a P88 curve with a low kick point. It helps release the puck quicker and keep it low for deflections when I shoot from the point."  
Matthew Behrik (9)

## What curve pattern do you prefer your stick to have and why?



"My favorite curve pattern to have on my stick is a P92 pattern because the face of the blade is closed a little bit more than other patterns which helps my puck handling and wrist shot accuracy."  
Mason Pierce (12)

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## Faceoff anticipation...

Hoping the puck comes his way, Ethan George (10) awaits the drop of the puck by setting up just outside the faceoff circle. George said, "I play the forward position. As one of the younger members of the squad, I appreciate learning from the upperclassmen about the little things it takes to win." George also suited up for the Armstrong Arrows and enjoyed a three point night (one goal, two assists) against the Beaver Bobcats.

"I believe they do not have a chance for winning the Stanley Cup because they have just started to rebuild their team, and are very young."

Aiden Sites (11)



"If Mike Matheson and Cody Ceci aren't total liabilities, Guentzel goes back to a 40 goal pace, no injury bugs, and a monster season from Malkin, their chances of winning the Cup on paper seem relatively good."

Brandon Whitesell (12)

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## Meet me at the net...

During the pregame net meeting, Matt Clinger (11) and his teammates hype themselves up for the game. Clinger said, "[Steve] Rayburg and [Nico] Slomka usually lead us at the net to get us fired up." Clinger started playing hockey ten years ago and scored in his first real game.

"The Pens, this season, will not come close to the Stanley Cup. However, they won't be terrible, either. The team needs some changes and moves which will hopefully help us see our team on top again."

Dylan Colwell (12)

## He shoots, he scores...

As Kyle Guido (10) rushes the net, he looks to score one of his two goals against Erie McDowell. "I play center, so I get a number of opportunities to score. I have four goals so far this season." Guido spent five nights per week at a hockey arena, at Belmont Ice Arena with the Armstrong Arrows and at Center Ice Arena in Delmont.

## What do you think the Penguins' chances are of winning the Stanley Cup and why?



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### Breakout...

During a fast break, Karly Keller (11) looks to find how the play develops. Keller said, "A standout memory from this season is when we won our first game as a team against Burrell. I would consider Burrell one of our biggest rivals." Even though Keller has played basketball for seven years, she planned on working at her game to improve and bring more to the team.

### Forward thinking...

As Cora Coleman (9) attempts to help her team break Plum's press, she looks to find an open teammate. Coleman said, "I play both forward and guard, but I don't mind getting physical and taking some fouls." She commented that her best game came against Greensburg Salem when she hit three three-pointers and the team won in dramatic fashion.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# LADY

## hoopster love

Story: S. Linhart (12)

Girls' team appreciates playing with one another

### FAMILY OVER one's self

Senior teammates Nicole Hilty, Morgan Reed, and Samantha Worthing decided upon the team 'FAMILY' shirts. Hilty said, "We wanted a shirt that was different from the rest of our shirts so we went with a white shirt and gold lettering. Putting FAMILY on the back was just to show that we aren't all individuals. We play as a family and we are all close that we just thought



that it would signify our relationships. All of the seniors kind of put our minds together to make the shirt. Most of us wear the shirts every game."

As the Lady Cavs finished another season, the team remembered everything that they loved about basketball, from spending time with each other to plays during games. The girls expressed their gratitude towards their teammates and their sport.

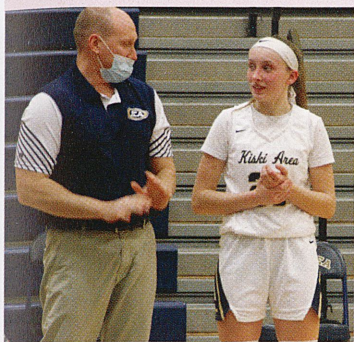
"From the watching point of view, I loved to see my team work as hard as they can, and in tough situations, they never quit. I enjoyed being there as support for my team at every practice and game," Lexiann Colaianni (10) said, who fractured her hip early in the season.

A memorable play occurred in their game against Greensburg Salem when senior Samantha Worthing passed the ball to freshman Abigail Johns who made the shot. As the buzzer sounded, the ball fell through the net, earning them the

points they needed to win 33-31. "It felt amazing to be a part of the winning play. As soon as Abbie shot the ball, I knew we had won the game. We earned that win," Samantha Worthing (12) said.

"This season, I appreciated having the opportunity to play basketball and spending time with my friends. The best part was growing my relationships with my teammates, especially the freshmen," Karly Keller (11) said. Even after all of their accomplishments, Keller succinctly expressed what the players enjoyed the most.





**Making** sure the season happened, the team followed the COVID-19 protocols set forth by the athletic department. They endured games where everyone played masked up, made sure to socially distance themselves on the bench, and worked hard to stay in shape during the shutdown over the Christmas holidays. Cora Coleman said, "We did online workouts via Google Meets during the two week shutdown. They actually were pretty cool." Even with the inconveniences caused by the pandemic, the girls' basketball team persevered.

## How has COVID-19 affected your season?



"While we struggled wearing masks while playing, it helped us overcome the obstacles, and forced us to adapt."  
*Zoe Holm (9)*



"Playing through COVID-19 has definitely been a struggle and we have had to adjust a lot. For example, playing basketball with a mask on has been a huge adjustment. I am just happy we were able to have somewhat of a season for my senior year."  
*Nicole Hilty (12)*



"It was definitely a different season than we all expected, but we stuck together and faced our challenges head on. In the end of it all I'm just appreciative I could have my senior season."  
*Sam Worthing (12)*

## grounded quote

"The best advice I received was definitely to control my nerves on game day to a point where they become productive."  
*Reilly Sullivan (9)*

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Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Spacemaker...

While under the basket, Dejah Burnett (11) shouts to her teammate that she has some separation from her defender. "When I get under the basket, I try to create space so that I can get an uncontested shot," Burnett said. She enjoyed her role on the team as the center due to the physical nature of the position.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Floor general...

While Abby Johns (9) takes the ball up the court, she tries to get the floor spread out and settled in order to set up the next play. Johns said, "I love to get aggressive on the court and take charges to help the team." Johns started playing basketball in fourth grade and followed both of her parents onto the court.

## BREAK IT DOWN



"I launched the ball from one end and got nothing but net."  
*Terry Martin (9)*

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"In 6th grade when I hit a buzzer beater at the end of the game to win it for my team."  
*Noah Faber (9)*

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## Riley HANAN

### Guard

inspired by:

"The opportunity to get some new shoes."



"I made an attempt at a full court shot and made it."  
*Aidan Wilwohl (12)*

*Aidan Wilwohl (12)*

Describe the craziest shot you ever made while playing basketball.



"The Golden State Warriors because they have Stephen Curry and Kelly Oubre Jr. who are my two favorite current NBA players."  
*Lexiann Colaianni (10)*



"The Oregon State Beavers since my all-time favorite player was Sabrina Ionescu who played for them."  
*Abigail Johns (9)*



"Because of Steph Curry. I am a huge Golden State Warriors fan."  
*Morgan Reed (12)*



"I can't really explain it, but I enjoy watching the Washington Wizards play."  
*Zoe Holm (9)*



"Steph Curry and the Golden State Warriors are amazing. I love to watch them play."  
*Karly Keller (11)*

## WHO should win it?

What basketball team would you like to see win a championship?

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Front Row: Riley Hanan, Zoe Holm, Morgan Reed, Abigail Johns, Karly Keller; Back Row: Lexiann Colaanni, Reilly Sullivan, Nicole Hilty, Dejah Burnett, Samantha Worthing, Emma Peck, Cora Coleman. Coaches: Nick Dizon (Head Coach), Rich Johns, Don Keller.



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## boys' basketball

1/8 Butler L 58-78  
1/12 Woodland Hills W 41-32  
1/15 Penn Hills L 58-62  
1/16 Burrell L 51-66  
1/19 Latrobe L 58-64  
1/22 Franklin Regional L 47-71  
1/23 Highlands L 42-83  
1/26 McKeesport L 40-52  
1/29 Gateway L 42-45  
2/1 McKeesport L 34-71  
2/5 Ligonier Valley W 74-46  
2/10 Penn Hills L 32-71  
2/11 Valley W 52-31  
2/12 Latrobe L 49-83  
2/16 Leechburg W 71-64  
2/18 Franklin Regional L 53-61  
2/22 Armstrong L 40-41  
2/23 Gateway L 32-69  
2/25 Woodland Hills W 53-49  
2/27 Trinity L 47-70

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## girls' basketball

1/8 Burrell W 39-26  
1/11 Indiana L 21-53  
1/14 Mars L 44-64  
1/19 Plum L 27-58  
1/21 Yough W 38-15  
1/23 Greensburg Salem W 33-31  
1/26 Hampton L 21-49  
1/28 Armstrong L 25-41  
2/1 Fox Chapel L 25-60  
2/4 Indiana L 17-45  
2/5 Southmoreland L 20-44  
2/10 Plum L 30-47  
2/11 Mars L 31-55  
2/16 Fox Chapel L 35-65  
2/18 Hampton L 25-58  
2/19 Franklin Regional L 26-32  
2/20 Freeport L 41-50  
2/22 Armstrong L 34-43  
3/1 McKeesport L 31-54

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## the wheels on the BUS

What do you do on the bus to an away game?



"I'll go over the game plan on the way to a game and celebrate after a victory on the way home."  
Nathan Vokes (10)



"On the bus, we get prepared for that game and talk to each other."  
Brad Rupert (9)



"I'll do homework or listen to music... anything to pass the time."  
Joe Miller (11)



"On the bus to away games, we all talk to each other and listen to music."  
Lexi Colaanni (10)



"Play games, sleep, or listen to music."  
Dominic DiNinno (10)



"On the way back, I think about what we could've done better and the things we did well in the game."  
Frankie DiNinno (12)



"We all do our own things, but this year, we did a lot of talking about a little bit of everything. This year's bus rides will never be forgotten."  
Nicole Hilty (12)



"On the bus rides, we normally talk a little, but we mostly just listen to music and get focused for the game."  
Abigail Johns (9)

"I would obviously miss them a lot because I wouldn't be able to see them for a long time. I would also feel pretty lonely at times."

Cole Graf (9)





## boys' basketball

*Front Row:* Ethan Krystek, Dominic DiNinno; *Row 2:* Joseph Miller, Nicholas Boylstein, Calvin Heinle, Francis DiNinno, Nathan Vokes, Aidan Wilwohl, Dylan Hutcherson, Connor Flemm; *Row 3:* Isaiah Gonzalez, Jason Flemm, James Pearson; *Back Row:* John Wolfe, Brayden Dunmire, Brandon Lawhorn-Moore, Logan Johnson, LeBryn Smith. *Coaches:* Will Saunders (Head Coach), Aiden Albert, Mike Simmons, J. Tutchstone.



## 9th grade boys' basketball

*Front Row:* Brad Rupert, Yansi Bassett, Jacob Smith; *Back Row:* Brian Davenport, Mason Caldwell, Owen Pearson, Blake Fritz, Terry Martin. *Coach:* Steve Spagnola.

As a professional athlete, how would you feel about separation from family and friends for months to go into a bubble to finish your season?

"I would want to go into the bubble. I would feel pretty good about it to finish a season."

Evan Opaska (9)

"I would feel sad and really miss them, but it would make me happy to know that they are watching me and supporting me in my games even though they can't be there."

Laken Robshaw (10)

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### Lead the rush...

While on a fast break, Logan Johnson (11) spies an open teammate to pass the ball. Johnson said, "My best game this year came against North Allegheny when I scored a team high 22 points." Johnson confessed that even though he liked basketball, football reigned supreme among his interests.

Photo: C. Mydock (12)



### Fast break finish...

During the game against Latrobe, Jason Flemm (9) pushes the ball up the court in order to get an easy shot attempt for one of his teammates. Flemm said, "I was excited at the opportunity to start varsity games as a freshman. Not many freshmen get to do that." Flemm reflected on the fact that he enjoyed the times he and his brother Connor [Flemm] (10) played one-on-one basketball for hours outside in the winter months.

Photo: H. Crosby (12)



### Charity stripe magic...

While at the free throw line, Isaiah Gonzalez (9) perfects his form to make an uncontested one-pointer. Gonzalez said, "The part of my game I am always working on is maintaining the ability of believing in myself to make plays without doubting myself." Gonzalez first picked up a basketball at the age of two and started playing competitively at the age of five.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Opening the offense...

As Aidan Wilwohl (12) receives the inbound pass, he prepares to find a teammate who can take the open shot. "I've had the opportunity to play on the varsity squad for two years. My favorite moment, though, was when I hit a half court shot to end the first half in a game last season," Wilwohl said. He fashioned his game after Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Looping for a layup...

As Calvin Heinle (11) hangs around the basket after his shot, he positions himself to potentially grab the rebound. Heinle said, "If I can get to the basket and attempt a layup, I'll take that shot every time." After the long seasons dedicated to football and basketball, Heinle enjoyed his extra free time in the spring.

Photo: L. Mamros (12)



### Opening up space...

As Brayden Dunmire (11) sets a pick, LeBryn Smith (10) takes the opportunity to roll out and drive the lane. Dunmire said, "I am usually the one to set a pick for my teammates, and after I set a great pick for a teammate, my thoughts are to keep running until they can stop it." Whenever he took a shot in a game, Dunmire preferred to shoot high percentage layups.



Photo: L. Mamros (par)

### Looking for the assist...

As he looks to find an open Isaiah Gonzalez (9) under the basket, James Pearson (11) exhibits great body control to make an accurate pass. Pearson said, "I love to play basketball. It is fun to run the floor and make either a great pass or take advantage of an open look to score a basket." Pearson successfully managed his home-schooling with his basketball practice and games.

## COVID corner

Photo: L. Mamros (par)

Varying rules about masks has made players adjust to the differing situations.



"Playing the game under COVID-19 guidelines is honestly very tough. Having that mask on makes it kind of difficult to breathe, but I would rather play with a mask on than not play at all."

Dylan Hutcherson (11)

Most schools only required members of the basketball team to wear a mask when on the bench. However, a few schools took that requirement to the next level by mandating that the players on the floor must also wear a mask. Games against Penn Hills, Leechburg, and Highlands fell into that category. Since the requirement prevailed at those schools' home gyms, players also had to wear masks when they traveled.

After the game against Penn Hills, Nathan Vokes (10) said, "Playing with a mask was a lot tougher than I thought it would be. This is why we had to build up our endurance and conditioning to be able to play with our mouths and noses covered."

Other COVID-19 measures for the basketball team included no sharing water bottles, wearing masks while on the bench, and a mask requirement while on bus rides.



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"As a forward, I like to use my height and size to get rebounds and points to help my team."

John Wolfe (10)



Photo: L. Mamros (par)

# JUMP START

## to staying in shape

Team finds creative ways to practice during shutdown...

Story: E. Fuhrer (12)

With the state limiting the amount of in-person practices, the basketball team faced a challenge with regards to staying in shape during a time where they did not have the ability to come in every day and shoot in the gym.

"I think it was hard to stay active," Aidan Wilwohl (12) said. "I just kept trying to work out whenever I could while practices were not going on."

Unlike having the traditional basketball practices, players had to work outside of the box to find ways to make progress on their game, while also not practicing in the usual

ways. Many players had to work with whatever equipment they had lying around their houses.

"It was a rough time," Nathan Vokes (10) said. "Our coaches gave us a workout plan. I did some lifting and ran around the neighborhood as much as I could."

With the one month break that pushed the start of the schedule back into January, the team had to continue to workout in the ways that they chose from home until the start of the season finally rolled around with the new year.



### Teachable moment...

At halftime of the Latrobe game, Coach Aiden Albert takes Isiah Gonzalez (9) aside for some extra coaching. "He plays a big role for the team as a freshman. He was getting down on himself for missing shots, but I told him to have faith in his ability and keep shooting," Albert said. Gonzalez appreciated the confidence his coaches had in him.

"I was playing H-O-R-S-E with my brother Seth Frye (12) in gym class, and I wanted so badly to try and get the ball in the hoop from half court after he had made it. Finally, after hitting the top of the backboard and bouncing, it went into the hoop. It took me like an hour to try to do that."

Rachel Frye (10)

Describe the craziest shot you ever made while playing H-O-R-S-E or P-I-G.

"When my teacher and I played P-I-G, I made the basket with a football from across the court."

Jonathan Dibler (9)

"The craziest shot I have ever made while playing H-O-R-S-E was making a half court shot by shooting it like a soccer throw in."

Karly Keller (11)

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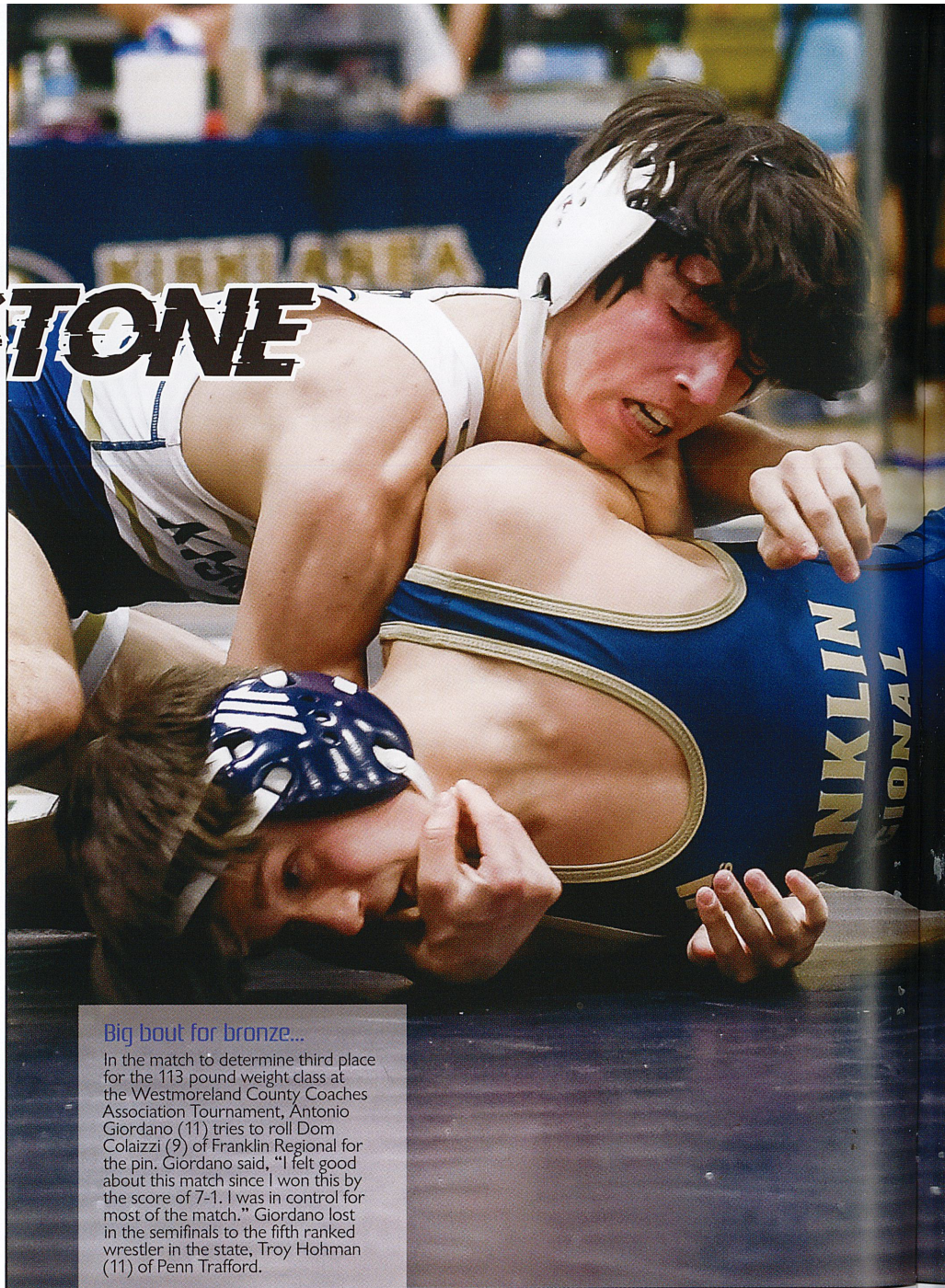
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## Practice partners reach century mark together

Although their senior season was one that they did not expect, captains Samuel Starr (12) and Brayden Roscosky (12) aimed to make the most of it, and that they did. On the afternoon of February 17, the practice pair broke individual milestones together. In back to back matches, Starr and Roscosky each earned their 100th win. "It felt awesome, especially because Brayden is my practice partner, and both of us at the start of the year weren't even sure we would be able to get enough matches to even have a chance at 100 wins. Hitting in on the same day was really cool," Starr said.

Even though the wins meant a lot to Starr and Roscosky, their milestone inspired a drive in underclassmen as well. As the season progressed, the senior captains made it a mission to mentor the underclassmen and introduce them to the culture of the team. The goal the two accomplished not only reflected them individually, but it showed the comradery of the program. "I want to reach 100 wins too, and accomplish that with my teammates as well. It was really inspiring to see that happen, and I feel like it can happen for me like it did for Sammy and Brayden," Jackson Sandor (9) said.

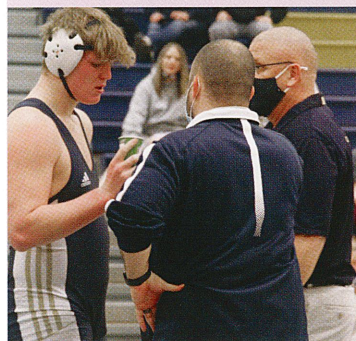
With restrictions in place due to COVID-19, and a 14-day quarantine to start the season, uncertainty plagued the entire team. After winning the team section championship, the team decided to opt out of the postseason in order to allow individual wrestlers such as Starr and Roscosky train for WPIAL and PIAA finals with fewer concerns about COVID-19 exposures. "Getting 100 wins was a great accomplishment. Considering the crazy season the team had, and the fact I was able to get it with one of my teammates was an amazing experience. Winning the tournament after winning the next match made it all more sweet, and it got me very excited for this postseason," Roscosky (12) said.



### Big bout for bronze...

In the match to determine third place for the 113 pound weight class at the Westmoreland County Coaches Association Tournament, Antonio Giordano (11) tries to roll Dom Colaizzi (9) of Franklin Regional for the pin. Giordano said, "I felt good about this match since I won this by the score of 7-1. I was in control for most of the match." Giordano lost in the semifinals to the fifth ranked wrestler in the state, Troy Hohman (11) of Penn Trafford.

Photo: L. Mamros (12)



# COVID corner

It appeared to the average observer that the wrestling team might have the most difficulty conducting a season during the COVID-19 pandemic. Maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask would prove difficult. When the PIAA recommended that opponents not shake hands before or after a match to help stop the potential spread, most saw that as not very helpful. The team did, however, make sure each wrestler used their own water bottle and wore masks at all times except on the mat.

## What has changed due to the pandemic?



"I simply made the best of the situation and had fun while at practice and at matches."  
Evan Artman (9)



"There were so many things different this year because of COVID, but the thing I miss the most is having spectators at our wrestling matches."  
Bella Devito (10)



"The biggest change I noticed was how short our season was because of COVID."  
Jack Crider (10)

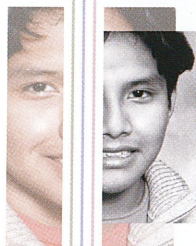
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"My dad wrestled and he wanted me to do it. So I tried it, I liked it, and the rest is history."

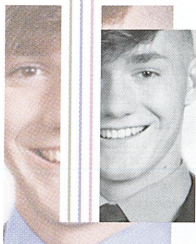
Jackson Sandor (9)



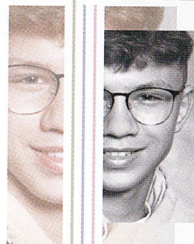
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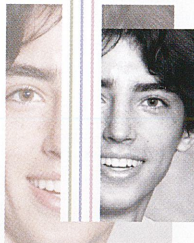
"I like to fake my shot - do a single leg into a high crotch. It gets my opponent's lead leg in front which creates an angle for my shot."  
Logan Reynolds (11)



"From my feet, I'll usually blast double kids or ankle pick them. Once I am on top, I just toss in a half and then stick 'em."  
Sammy Starr (12)

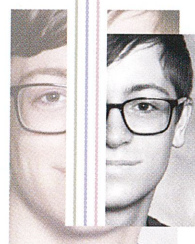


"My signature wrestling move is a fireman's dump. I use it to go straight from our feet to throwing my opponent to his back."  
Ryan Klingensmith (10)



"My favorite move to attempt is the arm drag. But sometimes I attempt it when I shouldn't and it puts me in a bad position."  
Antonio Giordano (11)

Name your go-to move to gain an advantage on your opponent?



"I go for a sweep single where when I am on my feet, I snap or fake a shot. Then I go for a single leg shot to take down my opponent."  
Ethan Connor (11)

"I was a big fan of the Undertaker when I was younger, I remember watching him fight as a kid and being in absolute amazement. He was the one wrestler that was supposed to be unbeatable and I thought that was so cool as a child. Mix that with his theme and the fact he was actually a pretty nice guy, and seven-year-old me was awestruck."

Brenna Reed (9)

"Kyle O'Reilly. He joined WWE in 2017 and formed a team called Undisputed Era in NXT and they quickly became my favorite team. Kyle was always my favorite member of Undisputed Era due to his unique moveset and how he carried himself, along with the fact that he was naturally charismatic. Recently, they gave him a singles run and pushed him to a championship match against Finn Balor and it was easily one of the best matches of the year. I see big things for Kyle in the future and personally I think he's NXT's best kept secret."

Gabriel Racioppi (10)

Which pro wrestler do you admire most and why?

Photo: L. Mamros (12)



## Meet on the mat...

While getting ready to take on Sam Snyder (11) of Latrobe in the semifinals of the WCCA Tournament, Sammy Starr (12) contemplates his initial move. Starr said, "I felt confident I'd pin him, so I worked on my footwork during this match to get ready for the finals." After winning the 172 pound championship at the WCCAs, Starr had some time to consider six schools to continue his academic and wrestling careers.

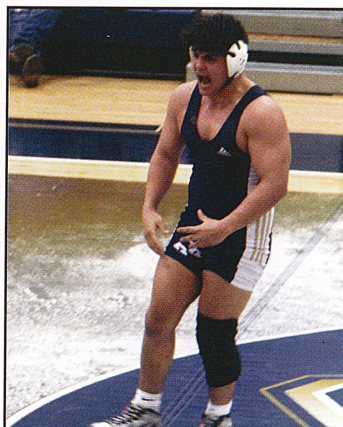


Photo: R. Fowler (12)

## Emotional exultation...

After pinning his ranked opponent, Justin Hart (12) of Hampton High School, Brayden Roscosky (12) lets out a yell. "Justin [Hart] is a tough opponent and to pin him was a great moment. It was a difficult match," Roscosky said. At the quad meet on January 21, Roscosky pinned his other opponent, Aidan Puskas (12) of Bethel Park in about half the time it took him to pin Hart.

## In it to pin him...

At the start of the match, Riley Shearer (9) looks to do a single or snap to gain an advantage on Alan Danner (9) of Hampton. "When I started wrestling in third grade, my dad signed me up. I didn't know what I was getting into at first, but I liked it right away." Shearer won his match against Danner by a 4-0 margin.



Photo: R. Fowler (12)

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## wrestling

Front Row: Jackson Sandor, Josh Ardellitz, Riley Shearer; Row 2: Noah Henry, Ryan Klingensmith, Antonio Giordano, Logan Reynolds, Evan Artman; Row 3: Brayden Miller, Isabella Devito, Brayden Roscosky, Jessica Starr (mgr), Alayna Darley, Enzo Morlacci; Row 4: Ethan Connor, Jack Crider, Samuel Starr; Back Row: Carter Dilts, Coach Matt Kiebler, Coach Chris Heater, Coach Aaron Kiebler, Stone Joseph.



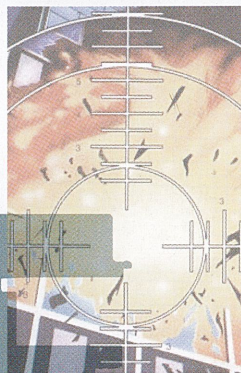
## wrestling

1/21 Bethel Park W 63-11  
1/21 Hampton W 56-15  
1/23 Mt. Lebanon W 48-14  
1/23 Mars W 54-18  
1/23 Seneca Valley L 28-33  
1/23 Penn Trafford L 26-39  
1/23 Waynesburg L 6-66  
1/28 Highlands W 63-11  
1/28 Armstrong W 49-21  
2/2 Southmoreland W 54-18  
2/3 Indiana W 52-24  
2/3 Fox Chapel W 54-19  
WPIAL AAA Section 1 Semifinals  
2/8 Plum W 42-26  
WPIAL AAA Section 1 Finals  
2/8 Penn Trafford W 39-36

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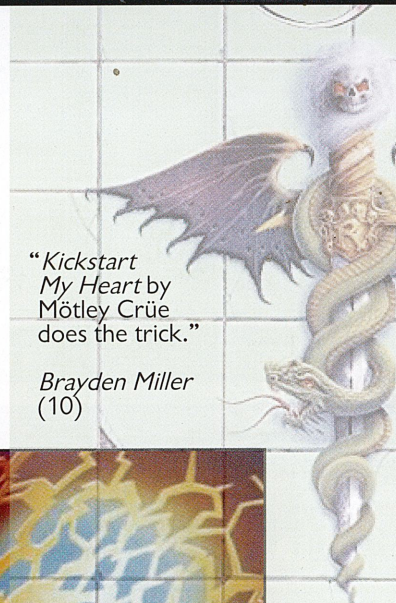
"Photograph by Def Leppard. Now that's my kind of music."

Glenn Fowkes (10)



"Kickstart My Heart by Mötley Crüe does the trick."

Brayden Miller (10)



## songs to get

What song or artist gets you pumped up before a meet or match?

"Any song by Tee Grizzley."

Carter Dilts (11)



"Don't Stop Believin' by Journey."

Jordan Zellers (12)







## boys' swimming

*Front Row:* Jack Coleman, Landon Seman, Levi Hansen, Jacob Halter;  
*Back Row:* Ryan Gould, Glenn Fowkes, Parker Sterlitz. *Coaches:* Lisa Pepka and Ryan Berberich.

## boys' swimming

1/8 Freeport W 57-27  
1/11 Plum W 76-70  
1/14 Mt. Pleasant W 79-64  
1/19 Mars W 81-67  
1/21 Latrobe L 77-87  
1/26 Connellsville W 78-60  
1/28 Penn Trafford L 66-92  
2/4 Norwin L 67-103  
2/10 Highlands W 59-47  
2/11 Hempfield L 59-84  
2/16 Gateway L 69-92  
2/18 Armstrong W 52-29

7-5



## girls' swimming

1/8 Freeport L 57-77  
1/11 Plum L 52-85  
1/14 Mt. Pleasant L 47-113  
1/19 Mars L 64-92  
1/21 Latrobe L 77-90  
1/26 Connellsville L 70-93  
1/28 Penn Trafford L 71-96  
2/4 Norwin L 63-75  
2/10 Highlands W 66-47  
2/11 Hempfield L 64-82  
2/16 Gateway L 70-94  
2/18 Armstrong L 73-91

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## girls' swimming

*Front Row:* Mia Devito, Eliza Miller, Julianna Ober, Cameran Thompson, Angela Tucker, Ella McBryde; *Back Row:* Julia Hanzlik, Zane Davidson, Jordan Zellers, Megan Hastings, Abigail King. *Coaches:* Lisa Pepka and Ryan Berberich.

What instrument did you try in elementary school?

"The recorder. But I don't play it anymore."

Jennifer Coniglio (10)

"The guitar and I recently got back into playing it again."

Toby Butler (10)

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### Practice salute...

Prior to warm-ups, Ryan Gould (12) practices playing the National Anthem on his trumpet, so Levi Hansen (10), Landon Seman (9), and Parker Sterlitz (10) decide to salute the American flag. "We love supporting our country," Sterlitz said. Gould belted out the National Anthem before the swim meet against Mars.

Photo: A. Tucker (10)

# ONLY A FEW

## to fill the lanes

Story: E. Fuhrer (12)

### FLIP FLOP flip flop

On many days, the team just practices and goes home. However, they had extra time to goof off one day after practice and multiple people on the team were shot up in the air. Jack Coleman (11) and Landon Seman (9) threw Parker Sterlitz (10) so he had enough air time to do a flip. According to the team, Ella McBryde



(10), Eliza Miller (9), Jack Coleman (11), Levi Hansen (10), and Landon Seman (9) were also launched into the air. The team agreed that working hard was important, but everyone should try to have fun, too.

Since the swimming team began their season with only 15 swimmers, the group had to find ways to deal with having less competitors than most of their opponents. This resulted in having to take up more events to try to stay competitive in meets.

"The other team can get more points than us by just having more people than us," Ryan Gould (12) said. "If we don't have as many people as the other teams in most events, we can still win individual events and the other team gets more points."

With the team always undermanned, it meant that once

Smaller team adapts to having fewer competitors than usual

the team had a chance to level that balance against the other team, they needed to take those chances.

"It's important for us that we win the relays," Jordan Zellers (12) said. "No matter what the other team does, if we win relays, we get to score more points than they do."

Even if the team had a disadvantage in the team events, swimmers found success individually as multiple aquanauts between the boys and the girls qualified for the WPIAL Championships.





Between wearing masks, social distancing, sitting in the gym during meets, not eating on the bus, getting shut down for three weeks around the holidays, VVPIAL cuts getting changed, and following various other guidelines, the swim team had some challenges to overcome. However, the team still made the most out of it, and they had a successful season, overall.

## What challenges did COVID-19 present to the swim season?



"The biggest change that I had was wearing a mask all of the time. It was very different to have to wear a mask except when I am in the pool."

Parker Sterlitz (10)



"For me, it would be not being able to watch my teammates swim their races since we had to sit in the gym."

Jack Coleman (11)



"I was personally affected a lot because I was in quarantine. Overall for the team, we definitely faced some struggles. Despite these struggles, we were still able to have fun even though our team wasn't as closely knit as usual."

Ella McBryde (10)

## grounded quote

"The hardest thing about swimming is to keep pushing, even when you think you can't."

Angela Tucker (10)

## BREAK IT DOWN

### Improvement...

Gasping for air, Glenn Fowkes (10) finishes swimming his 200-yard freestyle. "My favorite event is the 100-yard backstroke because I have gotten a lot better at it this season," Fowkes said. A 1:05 in the 100-yard backstroke represented Fowkes best time.

Photo: A. Tucker (10)



"My favorite water sport is swimming because I love being out in the sun."

Dylan Barry (11)

"I like kayaking because I can do it with my friends, and it is relaxing out in nature."

Logan Reynolds (11)

### Pushing forward...

Sprinting through the 100-yard breaststroke, Abby King (9) uses a strong kick to get a best time of 1:10.33. "The best part of being on the team is becoming family with my teammates, especially in the showers after practice," King said. King's favorite set in practice involved the 200s kick.

**Ella MCBRYDE**

inspired by:

"The faster you swim the faster you get out."

Coach Berberich

"Going down waterslides is my preference because I like the adrenaline rush."

Jocelyn Spencer (11)

What water activity do you like to partake in?



"Ryan is the funniest because he just says whatever comes to mind."

Cameran Thompson (11)



"As a group Levi, Landon, and Parker are hilarious."

Mia Devito (9)



"I think that Jacob is the funniest because he always knows how to make the whole team laugh."

Levi Hansen (10)



"Jacob is the funniest simply because he knows how to make people laugh."

Landon Seman (9)



"Mia is definitely the funniest because she is so relatable."

Angela Tucker (10)

**HAS me in stitches**

Who on the team cracks you up the most?

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### Special connection...

While reaching over the outside of the plate, Laci Safranyos (10) attempts to frame the pitch thrown by Hannah Simpson (10). Safranyos said, "Hannah and I are best friends, and the special connection between us helps us work well together on the field." She started playing softball nine years ago and looked forward to more reps behind the plate.

Photo: K. Cessna (par)



### Working the late shift...

With a left-handed batter at the plate, Ashlee Bair (11) plays a little bit closer to first base than she normally would. "Coach will make me cover the hole between first and second and shift the shortstop over to second when some lefthanders are batting," Bair said. She enjoyed playing the infield since that represented where the action happened.

Photo: K. Cessna (par)



### Leave it all on the field...

During a spring practice before the shutdown, Aubrey Carion (10) reels in a throw from her teammate Abby King (12). Carion said, "Throwing and catching is my favorite part about softball, and it's a good stress reliever. Catching the ball is a great stress reliever. But, throwing the ball back is what makes me feel powerful." Carion hoped to get more at-bats as a utility player.

Photo: M. Webb (2020 grad)



### Play hard, practice harder...

While Alyssa Fry (12) prepares for the next in-field drill, she looks to get her positioning set correctly. Fry said, "Even though their season was cut short, we were lucky we got a season at all." Fry recently became Mrs. Kocon's (resource room teacher) step-granddaughter.

Photo: M. Webb (2020 grad)



### Coming in hot...

As Kasandra Cessna (12) winds up for the pitch, she hopes it results in a strikeout. Cessna said, "Softball is a sport where you will fail more times than you succeed." She started learning to pitch at the age of eight and used her expertise when she gave Mr. Jankowski's daughter Ella pitching lessons over the summer.

Photo: K. Cessna (par)



### The batter's eye...

While Abby King (12) waits for the pitch, she guesses whether she'll see a curveball or a fastball. "I ripped a double down the left field line during our game against Penn-Trafford," King said. She reported that the team turned a triple play during the game.



Photo: K. Cessna (par)

### Batting beans...

While warming up the players, Coach Williamson throws beans for batting practice. Although his first year coaching softball for Kiski was cut short, Coach Williamson said, "It was a pleasurable experience and fun, even though it did not last long." He had previously coached boys' and girls' basketball before he put on his newly found softball cleats.

Photo: M. Webb (2020 grad)

## COVID corner

Senior softball players felt most impact from COVID pandemic...



"I felt bad for the seniors that missed out on the (2020) spring season. I hope everything gets back to normal soon so that we have a 2021 spring season."

Alayna Mintz (12)

Kasandra Cessna (12) and Alayna Mintz (12) both played for travel softball teams outside of school softball. Due to the pandemic, the softball leagues created new rules.

"Precautions we had to take included using a different ball from the other team in a game and wearing masks when entering and leaving the complex," Cessna said.

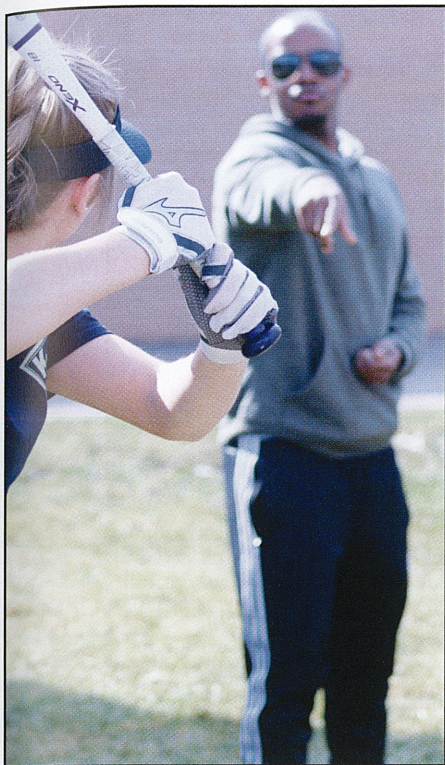
Cessna played for Team Pennsylvania and Mintz

played for Pittsburgh Passion.

"It made talking to college coaches harder because they are not allowed to come watch us play," Mintz said.

Both Cessna and Mintz said, "Even though our season got cancelled, we at least got to play a couple games in the summer for Kiski to finish out our junior year."





#### Sneak attack...

Hannah Simpson (10) makes an attempt at deception while waiting to receive her call for the next pitch. Simpson said, "It was difficult having to take such a long break from softball, she said, but I feel like it made me love the sport even more." She made treks to Ohio to compete in numerous softball tournaments.

Submitted: H. Simpson (10)

Story: C. Mascarello (12)

# QUEST FOR

Players found solace in competing summer leagues

With the inevitability of sports events and practices canceled, softball had no immunity to it. The school season ended with neither fanfare, nor discussion of what would happen in the future. Some players had summer leagues to look forward to, but others ended up not having a place to turn.

"All I wanted for the first month of quarantine was to get back on the field with my girls," Madison Leith (11) said.

She had not participated in summer league, unlike some other athletes who had joined prior to the entire debacle going down at the beginning of the year. Although the school backed down from having a full season, the summer proved to hold better opportunities for improvement in the face of setbacks.

"I think about how I can fix or adjust

something and then make the changes to what I have to do," Mackenzie Favero (10) said.

Without outside distractions or anything better to do, athletes took the initiative to work harder towards improving themselves before the next season. Working through problems had and always will continue to trouble sports, but a team sport like softball required everyone to work through their problems to improve themselves. Many team members worked during quarantine to better themselves, either by doing it on their own or, for example, taking up summer league. Both gave them chances to improve upon their strengths and to work out the issues that held them back from their ideal form.

"Something a coach has said that stuck with me was to trust and believe in ourselves and the years we have put into training and practicing. Softball is a huge mental game."

Kasandra Cessna (12)

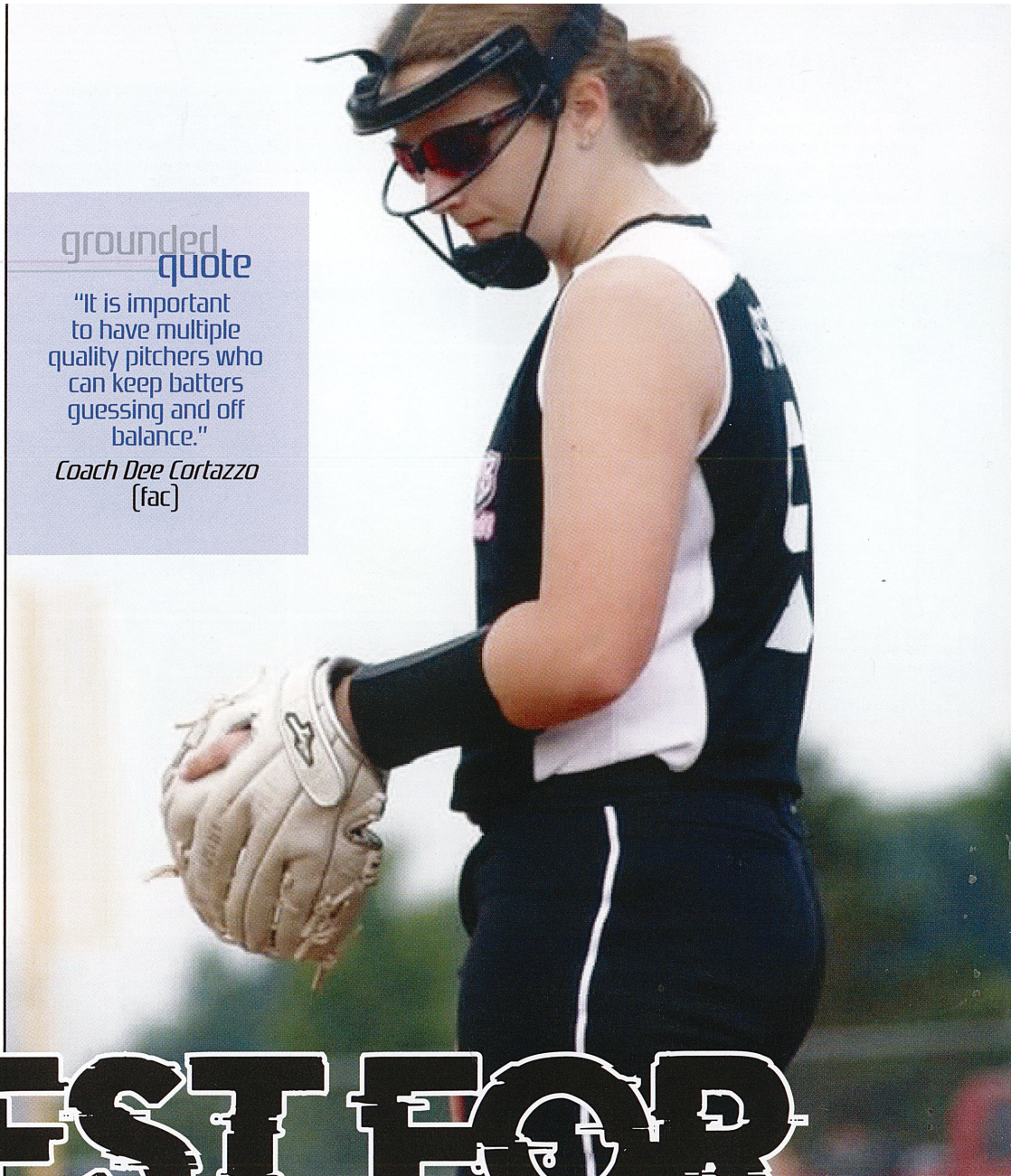
"Something a coach has told me that has always stuck with me is that if you ever want to succeed when everybody is watching, you have to work when nobody is watching."

Mackenzie Favero (10)

## grounded quote

"It is important to have multiple quality pitchers who can keep batters guessing and off balance."

Coach Dee Cortazzo  
(fac)



## season replacement



#### You're out...

While attempting to turn a double play, Mackenzie Favero (10) throws to first base to get the out against Penn Trafford. Favero said, "I loved playing with the seniors, even if it was for a much shorter season than normal." Coach Cortazzo envisioned Favero as a middle infield specialist.

"Coach Cortazzo has always said, 'If you just say sorry, then you don't mean it because you couldn't take the extra second to say 'I'm.' That has stuck with me throughout my high school career and will continue to stick with me. It's a good life lesson and it's a good test of character for other people."

Alyssa Fry (12)

Discuss something a coach said that stayed with you.

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# softball

Top Row: Laci Safranyos, Hannah Simpson, Madyson Hall, Alayna Mintz, Abigail King, Mackenzie Rainey; Middle Row: Riley Jo Brown, Isabella Delia, Casey Gulyas, Isabel Ramos, Ashlee Bair, Mackenzie Favero; Bottom Row: Kaylee Musco, Kasandra Cessna, Lillian Gibbon, Madison Leith, Rylee Yeager; Coaches: Dee Cortazzo (Head Coach) and Dave Williamson.



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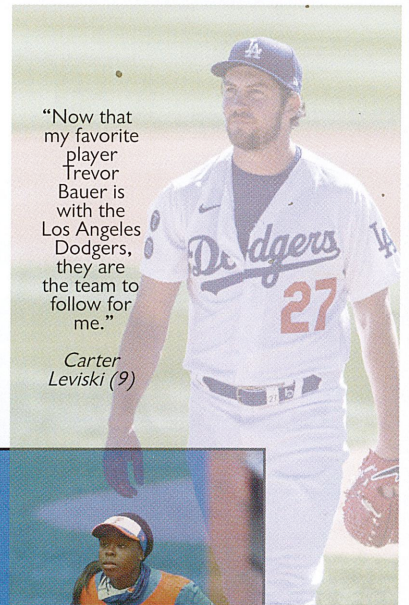
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- 4/14 Penn Hills (away)
- 4/16 Indiana (home)
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- 4/22 Woodland Hills (away)
- 4/23 Latrobe (away)
- 4/28 Armstrong (home)
- 4/30 Plum (away)
- 5/3 Penn Hills (home)
- 5/5 Indiana (away)
- 5/6 Franklin Regional (home)
- 5/10 Gateway (away)
- 5/12 Burrell (home)
- 5/14 Highlands (away)

"I pick the New York Yankees because my family has always been Yankee fans."

Mackenzie Favero (10)

"Now that my favorite player Trevor Bauer is with the Los Angeles Dodgers, they are the team to follow for me."

Carter Leviski (9)



What baseball or softball team other than the Pirates impresses you the most?

"Ever since I got to visit Fenway Park in 2019, I like the Boston Red Sox."

Mason Ross (11)



"I like the Florida Gators softball team because they play well, and I am a huge fan of their third baseman Charla Echols."

Rylee Yeager (9)

"We start preparing for carnival season so that we can take our games to carnivals all summer long."

Savannah Renwick (10)





## varsity baseball

*Top Row:* Kyle Poremski, Kyle Weiser, Derek Hald; *Middle Row:* Evan Culp, Carson Craig, Michael Shoemaker; *Bottom Row:* Logan McGarry, Mason Ross, Francis DiNinno; *Not Pictured:* LeBryn Smith, Anthony Depanicis, Owen Werkeiser; *Coaches:* Mark Fairman (Head Coach) and Kevin Glendenning.

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3/29 Butler (away)  
3/31 Penn Hills (home)  
4/1 Indiana (home)  
4/6 Gateway (home)  
4/7 Gateway (away)  
4/10 Armstrong (home)  
4/10 Freeport (home)  
4/12 McKeesport (home)  
4/13 McKeesport (away)  
4/16 Fox Chapel (away)  
4/19 Penn Trafford (away)  
4/20 Penn Trafford (home)  
4/22 Burrell (away)  
4/23 Knoch (home)  
4/26 Latrobe (home)  
4/27 Latrobe (away)



## JV baseball

*Top Row:* Wyatt Krogh, Evan Artman, Carter Leviski, Connor Flemm; *Middle Row:* Nathan Witt, Dominic DiNinno, Joshua Ardellitz, Brad Rupert; *Bottom Row:* Blake Fritz, Jacob Bucci, Anthony Gwinn, Jacob Smith. *Coaches:* Mark Fairman (Head Coach) and Kevin Glendenning.

at **BAT**  
*Abby King* (12)  
3rd Base  
1st Base  
Outfield  
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What do you  
look forward  
to most about  
spring?

"When spring is here, it means I get to start cleaning the pool for summer so it is nice and ready for when summer hits."

April Carey (12)

"Driving with the windows down."

Juliana Ober (12)

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# SAME PLACE

## different TIME

Story: E. Fuhrer (12)

### Summer baseball season gives team one last time to unite

After raising money throughout the course of the year to go to Florida to prepare for the season, the baseball team optimistically looked forward to their upcoming trip. However, within a week of their departure, Major League Baseball shuttered all Spring Training facilities due to the onset of the pandemic. Soon afterward, the PIAA followed by cancelling the official spring baseball season. The darkness lifted following the revelation that a group of coaches gathered together to form a summer league that saw the baseball team back in action by mid-June.

"The summer league provided us an awesome opportunity," Aaron Albert, the head coach of the team, said. "From day one, all of the guys were super excited and thankful we got another chance to play together."

The five-week regular season resembled a sprint. It consisted of 15 regular season games, the annual tournament in Freeport, and a home playoff game against Seneca Valley. This equaled 21 games where the team got to make a proper send-off to their seniors.

"It meant everything to be able to play with that group of seniors," Carson Craig (12) said. "They deserved to have their senior season, and I was glad to play right beside them during it."

Throughout the course of the season, the team slowly eased from what at first seemed like an uncomfortable situation into something resembling a normal season, with the team eventually allowing some socially-distanced fans at home games.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Locked in...

While waiting for the pitch to come in, Logan McGarry (12) looks to smack the ball through the hole between the first and second basemen. "This summer, I struggled early on. But with my teammates' help, I got back to where I was last season," McGarry said. He thought the team in the spring would have had a great chance at a great season and a run at a WPIAL Championship.

Vero Beach  
FL

For the upperclassmen of the 2020 cavalier baseball team, the phone call that came on Sunday, March 8 devastated the boys, to say the least. The team could no longer take their inaugural trip to Vero Beach, Florida for spring training. The team became very upset and frustrated with the cancellation called two days before their departure. They looked forward to beginning a new tradition that would carry on in the coming years. The plans for the trip involved practices and exhibition games against teams from all over the country, such as Colorado, Alabama, and Maryland.

### Discuss your feelings about the canceling of the Florida trip.



"I was mad when I heard the news because the whole team was looking forward to that trip all year."  
Carson Craig (12)



"I was really upset and angry because we were looking forward to that trip all year, and we worked so hard in the off-season for nothing."  
Michael Shoemaker (12)



"I was really devastated when I heard because I wanted to go to the beach and all, but I was more upset that I couldn't make a forever lasting memory with my friends."  
Logan McGarry (12)

### grounded quote

"I just love the smell of a freshly cut baseball field, getting out under the sun, hearing the crack of the bat, and playing some ball."

Owen Werkheiser  
(11)



# GET IN POSITION

"As a *catcher*, I call the pitches, so in my mind, I'm trying to anticipate the location of the pitch and how I can best frame that pitch to make it a strike."

Derek Hald (12)

"When I'm playing in the *outfield*, I'm always going through different scenarios to always be ready for the next play. Before every pitch, I'm on my toes and ready to make a play."

Blake Fritz (9)

"When I'm playing *shortstop*, I'm keeping tabs on everything. I always expect the ball to come to me, and I'm always ready to be where I need to be if it doesn't."

Kyle Poremski (12)

"When I'm about to *pitch*, I think about everything that I did to get to where I am at and that as long as I stay positive mentally, nothing can stop me from having a good game."

Kyle Weiser (12)

Describe the uniqueness of your position.

"When I play *first base*, I just think about if the ball is hit, where we have to get the out at, and what's the quickest way we can get off the field and back up to bat."

Frankie DiNinno (12)

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



## Just throw strikes...

After coming in as a relief pitcher, Carson Craig (12) throws a bunch of strikes and settles down the offense of Highlands. "We had just lost the lead in the game, so it was my job to make sure they [Highlands] didn't get too far ahead of us," Craig said. His efforts proved valuable as the team rallied to win in the bottom of the seventh with a walk-off home run by Billy Perroz (2020 grad).



"I started playing baseball when I was five years old. It's my favorite sport to play and is an enjoyable sport to me. It can get serious if we're playing a really good team for something like a trophy or a medal."

Dalin Graham (11)

"I still play baseball because it is my favorite sport, and I really like my teammates every year that I play."

Dominic DiNinno (10)

"T-Ball... I got so afraid of getting out at first base that I burst into tears and could never play again."

Garrison Wehrle (12)

What sport did you first play when you were young?

## High five of encouragement...

While coming into the game as a courtesy runner for Derek Hald (12), Dominic DiNinno (10) receives encouragement from Hald. DiNinno said, "Personally, I had a lot of stolen bases this season, and even though we had very little practice, the season went very well." The team grew very close and knew each other well from the 'regular' season.

## Cut off...

As Derek Hald (12) stands ready at home plate, he prepares to cut off an opposing player intending to score during the first game of the season. Hald said, "The team got to play the same competition as we would have in a regular season, which was nice." Hald and his teammates finished off the season with a winning record.



Photo: L. Hald (par)

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### Pass the competition...

Sprinting past his competition, Paul Roberts (9) fights to stay ahead. "I mostly think about how I am going to pass people, the racing line, maintaining a steady pace, and staying focused," Roberts said. In Robert's opinion, 50-65 degree temperatures made for the best weather to run.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Push through...

Staying on pace, Joshua Obringer (11) uses the traction from his spikes to push himself forward. "As a general rule, I like racing with spikes more because of the extra grip you can get," Obringer said. He enjoyed training and seeing how he progressed by the end of the season.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Ahead of the pack...

Running with the pack, Matthew Dongiovanni (12) keeps pace alongside his teammates. "The best part about cross country is being able to put my shoes on every single day and go work hard with people who are not only my teammates, but are some of my best friends," Dongiovanni said. Dongiovanni got himself pumped up for the WPIAL Championships because it determined who got to go to States.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Stretch yourself...

Stretching out before practice, Jordan Fairman (12) uses her rope to help stretch out her legs. "Stretching out before practice is important so that our muscles don't get tight," Fairman said. Fairman thought that 70 degrees made for the best conditions to run in since it left her neither too hot nor too cold.

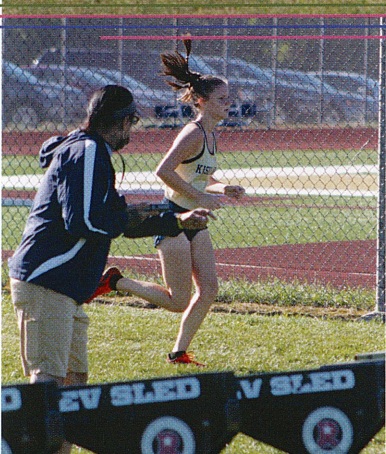
Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### No chance for nerves...

Pushing through the nerves, Tatiana Holt (9) gets cheered on by the coach as she runs by. "I get nerves before a race. I try to turn my nerves to excitement to get a strong mentality. I also do heel raises and jump up and down at the starting line," Holt said. Holt recorded her best time of 22:24 in the season.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### And they're off...

Bursting out of the start, Lizeth Sesmas (11) and Jordan Fairman (12) make a dash to a fast start in the first race of the season, a scrimmage against Norwin. "I don't really think about anything while I'm racing. I'm usually zoned and just trying to finish," Sesmas said. She set a personal record and regularly finished in second place on the team at each of the races.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### Never too early...

During the girls' race, the boys' team continues to get their legs prepped for their run. "We stretch as a team and win as a team. Coach really wanted us to focus on winning as a team," Kaelin Gold (12) said. The team finished third in their highly competitive section.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

## COVID corner

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



To protect against the airborne virus, runners wore masks during practice

"Coach wanted everyone to be successful, so the few inconveniences we had to follow were worth it as we had a great season and no illnesses among the team."

Antonio Giordano (11)

Most viewed cross country as a sport that could manage the COVID-19 pandemic successfully. Coach Tom Berzonsky ensured that by following strict guidelines to maintain the health of all runners and coaches at practices and events.

Berzonsky said, "For practice we kept the mask on while stretching. But, during the run, the students could remove the mask. We maintained six feet of

social distancing as much as possible and no equipment was exchanged such as foam rollers and weight training. At races, the start was changed so teams could maintain six feet between each runner. Finally, masks had to be worn on the bus. Also, no food was allowed to be eaten on the bus."

Getting everyone to buy in proved fairly easy, as completing a season became the team's unified goal.





### Bruise of honor...

After tripping and earning a bruise, Eliza Miller (9) gets right back up to keep her pace and win the race. "My favorite thing about cross country is competing and having fun with my teammates," Miller said. As a freshman, she set the school record at the WPIAL Finals with a time of 18:48.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

### grounded quote

"In 2010, at the State meet, I saw a rogue deer knock out a female runner from North Hills."

Coach Tom Berzonsky  
(fac)



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# PREPARE

Runners engage in pre-race activities

The first step toward success started with preparation. The cross country team knew this just as well as anyone else, making sure that they stretch themselves out as well as they can before every run. Stretching arguably served as the most important part of a cross country runner's day for multiple reasons.

"We stretch before every run because it helps prevent injuries," captain Jordan Fairman (12) said. "It also helps get us in the right mentality to help us with our nerves and focus."

The quantity of different muscles that go into running a race required many different ways to stretch.

## for the finish line

Story: E. Smith (12)

Coaching and experience helped members of the team figure out each individual's best ways to stretch. Luckily, the team had plenty of both.

"We have a routine that the whole team does," Matt Dongiovanni (12) said. "We started working through something called Wharton Stretching this year. It uses a rope to target specific zones such as our backs and hamstrings."

With all of their knowledge of how to stretch properly, the team ran circles around a lot of their competition.



### Deep stretch...

Getting a good stretch in before practice, Jacob Folaron (12) prepares for threshold runs. "I love threshold runs. Those are longer runs most times at a fast pace. They prove exactly how good of shape a runner is in and test how far you are willing to push yourself," Folaron said. Folaron preferred the Section Championships over all the races.

"I ran 14 miles and felt hungry."

Aidan Dubas (12)

What is the longest distance you've ever run continuously?

"I ran 14 miles and was exhausted. I felt tired and probably a bit sore but also satisfied with the distance I had just run."

Joseph George (12)

"I ran 14 miles, and I was a little tired. But, overall, it felt pretty good."

Eliza Miller (9)

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# cross country

Front Row: Angelina Shirey, Tatiana Holt, Zachary Obringer, Wyatt Krogh, Ellie Hecker, Paul Roberts, Hannah Dickun, Hunter Heinack, Reilly Sullivan, Eliza Miller; Row 2: Payton Sullivan, Phillip Miller, Josette Plazio, Aiden Dubas, Antonio Giordano, Lizeth Sesmas, Faith Cook, Jordan Fairman, Olivia Schrag; Back Row: Kaelin Gold, Zachary George, Dakota Gold, Michael McGuire, Matt Dongiovanni, Joshua Obringer, Yuner Sesmas, Joseph George; Not Pictured: Jacob Folaron, Cole Ganter; Coach: Tom Berzonsky.



## girls' cross country

9/5 Norwin (scrimmage) W 19-36  
9/30 Altoona W 21-37  
10/7 Armstrong W 16-42  
10/7 Fox Chapel L 29-26  
10/7 Oakland Catholic L 38-22  
10/7 Gateway W 19-41  
10/7 Indiana W 21-34  
10/7 Penn Hills W 15-50  
10/7 Plum W 22-33  
10/7 Woodland Hills W 15-50

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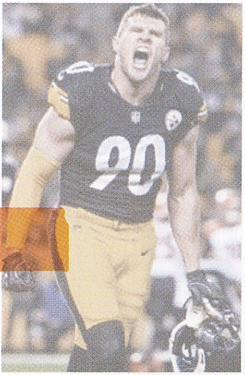
## boys' cross country

9/5 Norwin (scrimmage) W 25-30  
9/30 Altoona W 24-32  
10/7 Armstrong W 15-50  
10/7 Fox Chapel L 36-22  
10/7 Central Catholic W 20-35  
10/7 Gateway W 19-40  
10/7 Indiana L 33-24  
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10/7 Plum W 15-48  
10/7 Woodland Hills W 15-50

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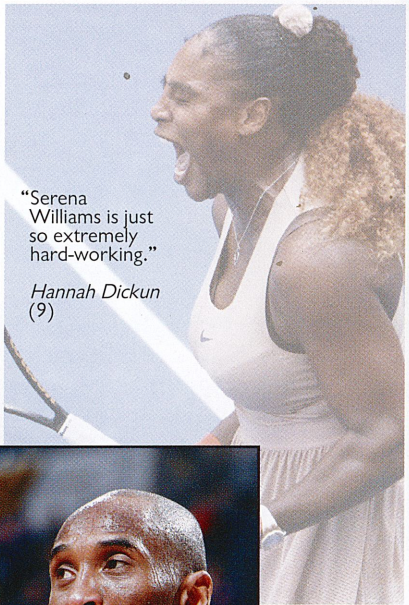
"I like TJ Watt of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He's aggressive on the pass rush; he should have been named NFL Defensive Player of the Year and he's just really good."

Braden Mika (10)



"Serena Williams is just so extremely hard-working."

Hannah Dickun (9)

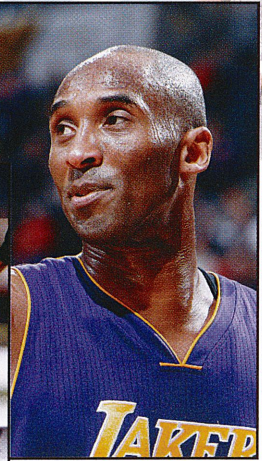


# BEST inspirations

If you had to pick one famous athlete that you admire most, who would you pick and why?

"Lynn Jennings because she is a nine-time champion and a role model for female runners."

Angelina Shirey (9)



"Kobe Bryant because his mentality and the way he worked. You don't see a lot of people that work as hard as he did."

Ben Young (9)

"I ran five miles and felt out of breath."

Aiden Starling (9)



"A wise coach once told me to make up for any mistakes by making a great play."

*Sydney Joyce (10)*

## track

3/27 Altoona Invitational (away)  
3/31 Knoch (home)  
4/8 Mars (away)  
4/12 Freeport (home)  
4/15 Hampton (away)  
4/16 Greater Latrobe Invitational (away)  
4/20 Highlands (home)  
4/23 Butler (away)  
4/27 Armstrong (away)  
5/1 WCCA Championships (away)  
5/7 Pine Richland Invitational (away)



*Ben Young (9)*

## boys' track

*Top Row:* Brennan Moore, Amari McNeil, Antonio Giordano, Braden Mika, Brandon Ray, Davien Pope, Mathew Hilty; *Second Row:* Ethan Woodhall, Luke Emmerling, Ryan Gould, Campbell Curry, Cody Dykes, Collin Cline, Paul Roberts, David Shevlin; *Third Row:* Dakota Gold, Benjamin Young, Dylan Hutcherson, Joseph Galo, Matt Dongiovanni, Zachary George, Joseph George, Jack Coleman, Hunter Heinack; *Bottom Row:* CJ Hepler, Zander Barr, Yuner Sesmas, Samuel Coleman, Luke Earley, Kaelin Gold, Kyle Guido, Peter Poremski, Ryan Klingensmith; *Not Pictured:* Deashaun Rhine, Alexei Cramer, Jacob Folaron, Xavior Ford, Joshua Obringer, Zachary Obringer, Phillip Miller, Michael McGuire, Jack Crider, Collin Martin; *Coaches:* Tom Berzonsky (Head Coach), Kendall Snee, Jim Feudale, Trevor Barr, Rachel Faas.



## girls' track

*Top Row:* Alexis Wilson, Alyssa Mydock, Angela Tucker, Angelina Shirey, Sydney Joyce, Avery Celo, Carly Shupe, Eliza Miller, Tatiana Holt, Ellie Hecker; *Second Row:* Emily Schrag, Faith Cook, Haley Hudzick, Hannah Dickon, Isabella Devito, Jada Schuler, Jocelyn Spencer, Riley Koziatek, Jordan Fairman, Josette Plazio; *Third Row:* Katrina Orange, Lizeth Sesmas, Payton Sullivan, Larissa Dubac, Lindsey Zera, Madison Slomka, Savannah Ruperto, Macey Hepler, Olivia Schrag, Makenna MacLean; *Bottom Row:* Mia Devito, Mia Fundrella, Nicole Yohe, Isabella Ondish, Madison Corna, Nyasia Chambers, Reilly Sullivan, Sierra Linhart, Olivia Blankenship; *Not Pictured:* Payton Buffone, Lea Ross; *Coaches:* Tom Berzonsky, Kendall Snee, Jim Feudale, Trevor Barr, Rachel Faas.



Discuss the longest distance you ran at one time and how you felt.

"Twenty-one miles... and I felt exhausted, and then I knew I had to hike the whole way back the next day."

*Andrew Fleming (10)*

"I ran about ten miles, and I felt like I accomplished something great."

*Kaelyn Phillips (9)*

## SPORTS

*Cross Country /Track*



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### I might as well vault...

While working on her pole vault technique, Alexis Wilson (12) successfully maneuvers herself over the bar during practice. "Prior to ninth grade, I had no desire to get involved in track. My cheer coach, Coach Faas, encouraged us to try track since she was the pole vault coach too. I love it," Wilson said. Wilson hoped to best her eight-foot personal record by vaulting to a height of at least nine feet.

### Pack mentality...

Taking the lead among the distance runners during a track workout warmup, Jake Folaron (12) keeps his eyes shaded while maintaining his style. Regarding his goals for his senior year, Folaron said, "I would love to be a part of a WPIAL qualifying 4x8 that nears the 8:00 minute mark, be in the top 15 in the two-mile in the WPIAL this season, and feel confident in the future runners we are leaving behind as us seniors prepare for college." Folaron shared his affinity for the two-mile when he indicated his proclivity for pacing rather than the short bursts necessary for the shorter races.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# RUN LIKE

## the ancient Greeks

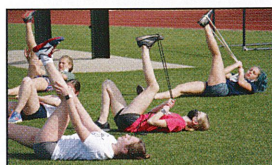
Story: E. Smith (12)

### STRETCH in out

Wharton stretching became the focal point for warming up the distance runners. Coach Berzonsky learned of this stretching routine and incorporated it into his practices for both his cross country team and track distance runners.

Payton Sullivan (11) said, "We spend about 30-40 minutes using the techniques at practice. I really like it because I am not as flexible as I need to be."

Coach Berzonsky required



all of his runners to bring a thick rope to practice. He hoped his runners developed an appreciation for the stretching techniques they learned and continued with the exercises once the season ended.

Track and field, a sport known for timeless battle of speed, represented endurance and strength. First brought to life in the 776 B.C. Olympics in Ancient Greece, track and field became the ultimate challenge to the human race. Events included, but were not limited to, the stade race (an ancient version of the 200 meter sprint), long jump, discus, shot put, and javelin. Not too much has changed with these events through the years, with the girls' track and field team ready to compete in those same events and defend their section, and the boys ready to take theirs by storm.

Javelin thrower Olivia Blankenship (12) indicated her enjoyment for her event when she said, "It is very technical, and takes a lot of practice to perfect. I like that aspect of it."

### Competing at highest levels of athleticism

On the track side of things, Peter Poremski (9) competed in the long jump. While the long jump appears to be a simple feat, Poremski said, "It's more technical than it looks. You've got to get your footing and timing absolutely perfect."

Like the original ancient Greeks, both the boys' and girls' teams looked ready to compete at higher levels than ever before.





## COVID CORNER

Fresh air, enjoying the outdoors, and getting to participate after a missed season motivated the track and field participants to willingly follow all COVID-19 protocols. Carly Shupe (9) said, "Wearing a mask is not that bad because I've gotten used to it by now." The throwers could remove their masks when drinking or when they socially distanced themselves from others. However, they did wear them while throwing. Those involved in more aerobic events such as sprinting, distance running, and long jump had the opportunity to remove their masks while competing too.

### How do you feel about wearing a mask during track practices and meets?



"We have to keep our masks on until we run our main workout or race. I think it is considerate of others but wearing them can be annoying."

Josie Plazio (11)



"We throwers keep our masks on almost all the time. You get used to it. It helps that we don't have to run as much as other events do."

Sierra Linhart (12)



"I do not mind wearing a mask if it means that I am helping to protect other people. We get to take a break when we get a drink or whenever we need to just as long as we are socially distanced."

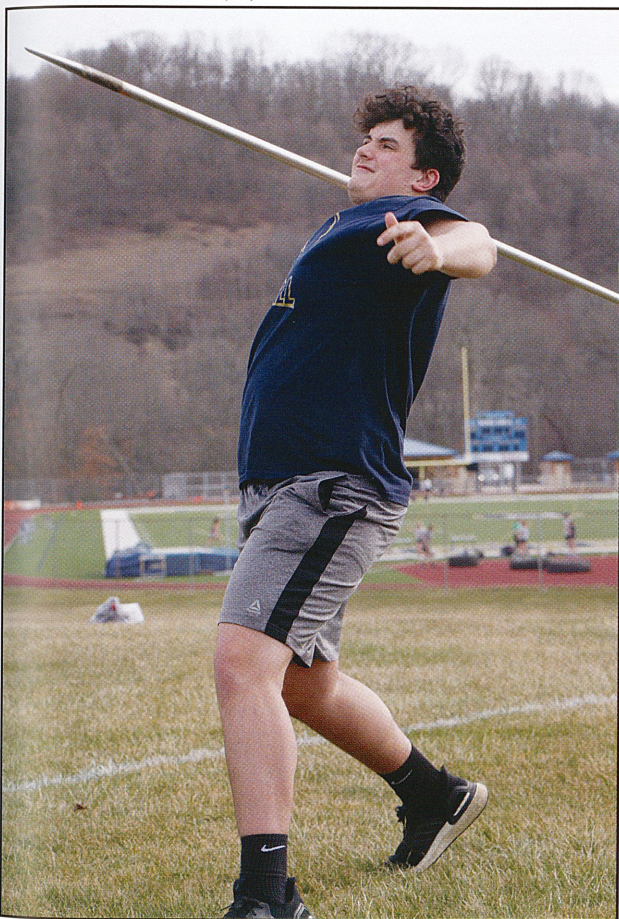
Makenna MacLean (9)

## grounded quote

"I had a coach tell me once that I would do better once I got in shape."

Ryan Gould (12)

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Marvelous javelin...

Readying himself for a mighty heave, Sam Coleman (11) looks to build on the techniques he's learned so far with javelin throwing. Coleman said, "This is my first year throwing javelin. I've been throwing the discus and shotput since seventh grade." Coleman planned on surpassing his best throw of 86 feet by meeting his goal of throwing 100 feet.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Leisurely stroll...

While the girls' distance team warms up for their track workout, they run as a group to display their team unity. "I am very excited that we have a track season this year. There are going to be things that we have to do differently but overall I think that this season is going to be great and we are going to have a lot of fun," Eliza Miller (9) said. Even though she liked all of the distance events, Miller looked forward to running the shorter 800-meter distance.

## BREAK IT DOWN



"I look forward to seeing the flowers blooming and the animals coming out."

Tray Kohler (9)

"I really enjoy that the sun is out longer which means more time outside."

Kevin Walsh (9)

## Macey HEPLER

Shot put, discus, and javelin

*inspired by:*

My parents always suggested I should try throwing since I was pretty strong for a girl.

"The warmer weather so I can show off my new shirts."

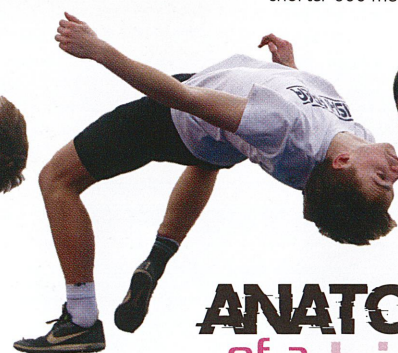
Lindsey Pusateri (11)

What do you look forward to the most when spring finally arrives?

Take Off

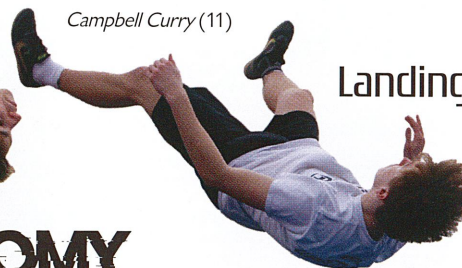


Flight



Campbell Curry (11)

Landing



## ANATOMY of a high jump

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Story: C. Mascarello (12)

# so little TIME TO SPARE

Team endures  
mandatory mid-season  
shutdown

Since the modernization of bowling, the air of relaxation and leisure appealed to everyone of any age and any skill level. Although not taken as seriously in the sports world, bowling continued to prevail as a relatively laid back activity and something to do on a Saturday night. The team's games bounced between Thursdays and Fridays, all while new players joined the team.

"This is my first year on the team, but it is a little hectic since we are all wondering and asking questions about matches and practices. Hopefully, I will be able to get better and keep learning about bowling, but I have only started playing for sport," Pailey Vitale (11) said.

The team experienced an interruption which caused a chain reaction of confusion and unease, with only two games completed for the season before the team shut down due to PA COVID guidelines. Bowling, with its muscle memory skills, suffered some in the cause.

"With the three-week long shutdown, I could not practice, and this made me rusty coming back for our first match. During the pandemic, we were wearing a mask the whole time and not bowling on the same lanes as our opponent," Joey Belles (12) said.

Like any sport, chaos inevitably tangled itself in with the normal, but many regarded the running around and guessing games as simply a part of the game. In all fairness, what sport doesn't have a seven-10 split every now and then?



## Southpaw striker...

After he tosses the ball, Joe Collini (12) watches to see if he put the right amount of spin on it to get it to hook into the pins and earn him a strike. Collini said, "My most memorable game was having the first eight strikes, focusing and having a perfect game on my mind. I didn't get a perfect game and ended up with a 270." Collini planned to join a bowling league or two with his brother, get better, and someday look into becoming a professional bowler.

Photo: H. Crosby (12)



# COVID corner

While not a part of the WPIAL, teams in the WPIBL (Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Bowling League) succumbed to the state's orders for a shutdown over the Christmas break. A couple of matches had to get rescheduled, but the bowling team persevered. Since all bowling alleys also closed, staying fresh turned into a difficult task. Team members donned their masks after the break and realized that their opponents ended up in the same boat, which meant no team in the WPIBL had an unfair advantage.

## How did the layoff affect your game?



"Since I wasn't able to practice every Saturday, it affected my score. I'm also in leagues, and we weren't able to bowl then either."

Savannah Renwick (10)



"I was able to get in a couple of practices at another bowling alley prior to our first match after the shutdown. It didn't affect my game at all."

Brady Lutes (11)



"The layoff did not affect my scores too much since I am just starting to learn how to bowl for sport. Now, I'm working on improving them."

Pailey Vitale (11)

## grounded quote

"At the beginning of my season, I never thought that I would get as far as I did, and I am very proud of myself for getting there."

Carmine Mascarello  
(12)



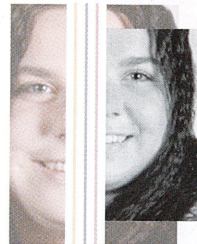
# WORKING TOWARD 300



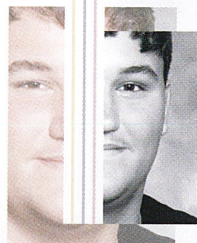
"About four or five years ago, I bowled a 289. Unfortunately, I lost my perfect game in the last frame. I beat my previous high of 230 at Lee's Lanes when it was still open."  
Joseph Belles (12)



"I am fairly new to bowling, but just within the last week, I beat my previous best of 126 by bowling a 136. I did this at a makeup match at Deer Lakes Bowl."  
April Carey (12)



"In our match last December against Butler, I bowled a personal best 210. My previous high was a 197."  
Hannah Crosby (12)



"At our home lanes in Deer Lakes in late November, I bowled a 242 during practice. Prior to that, I had bowled a high score of 224."  
Nickson McDermott (10)

Discuss your highest bowling score.



"It's really embarrassing because I have been bowling since I was 6-years-old, but my highest score is 173."  
Cierra Mydock (12)

Photo: H. Crosby (12)



## Attempting a spin move...

During her approach, Pailey Vitale (11) reminds herself to look at her target on the lane and keep her arm straight. Vitale said, "When I first started bowling, I was a straight bowler. But as I got better, I learned how to get the ball to spin. However, I can still throw a good straight ball." Vitale planned to use the offseason to get out to the lanes more often and work on her bowling abilities.

"I think that rented bowling shoes look pretty epic."

Joseph Galo (9)

## boys'

12/10 Seneca Valley W 7-0  
12/11 Butler L 0-7  
1/8 Seneca Valley L 3-4  
1/14 Butler L 0-7  
1/15 Shaler L 0-7  
1/16 BYE W 7-0  
1/21 North Allegheny L 0-7  
1/25 North Allegheny L 0-7  
1/28 Shaler L 0-7  
1/30 BYE W 7-0

"I think rented shoes are fine. I have never had a problem with them."

Peter Poremski (9)

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## girls'

12/10 Seneca Valley W 7-0  
12/11 Butler L 0-7  
1/8 Seneca Valley W 7-0  
1/14 Butler L 0-7  
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1/25 North Allegheny W 7-0  
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1/30 BYE W 7-0

"As long as they don't smell bad, they're cool."

Lexi Bollinger (9)

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Discuss your thoughts about rented bowling shoes.



Front row: Savannah Renwick, April Carey, Carmine Mascarello, Joe Collini, Hannah Crosby, Isabel Ramos; Back Row: Brady Lutes, Joseph Belles, Nickson McDermott, Pailey Vitale, Cierra Mydock. Coaches: Stefanie Belles, Duggie Belles, Don Mydock, Deanna Mydock, Ann Crosby.

Photo: S. Belles (par)

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# CLUBS

## Multiple art mediums...

Lacey Mamros (12) combines her love of photography and music by taking expressive self-portraits in her room to show the behind-the-scenes aspect of playing an instrument. "I've been playing the piano for six years, and everyone else only ever sees the perfected performance after hours of practicing. I wanted to capture how frustrating it really is to learn to play a new song,"

Mamros said. She expressed the challenges of getting the shot just right. "I had to set up my camera on a tripod, connect it to a Bluetooth app on my phone, and take each picture on a timer," Mamros said. Mamros submitted her picture as part of her photography for Pennsylvania School Press Association's yearbook competition.

## BREAKING NEW GROUND

### Clubs adapt to meet current guidelines

Story: R. Fowler (12)

Virtual competitions for Mock Trial, WIRC, Academic Quiz, FBLA, and Math Team.

Student Council and CAVs Slam Club supported their fellow students by handing out pandemic pick-me-ups on Tuesdays.

Marching band members stood six feet apart on the field.

Musical turned into a pre-recorded "Cavaret".

Yearbook PSPA competition held at school rather than at Penn State.

Library coffee shop never opened.

Tech Desk and Office Aides performed duties as usual.

Read Across America... cancelled.

Talent Show... cancelled.

Freshman/Sophomore Dance... cancelled.

Homecoming Dance... cancelled.

Prom... cancelled.

Marching band competitions... cancelled.

French Club trip to Quebec, Canada... cancelled.

Band and chorus concerts... cancelled.



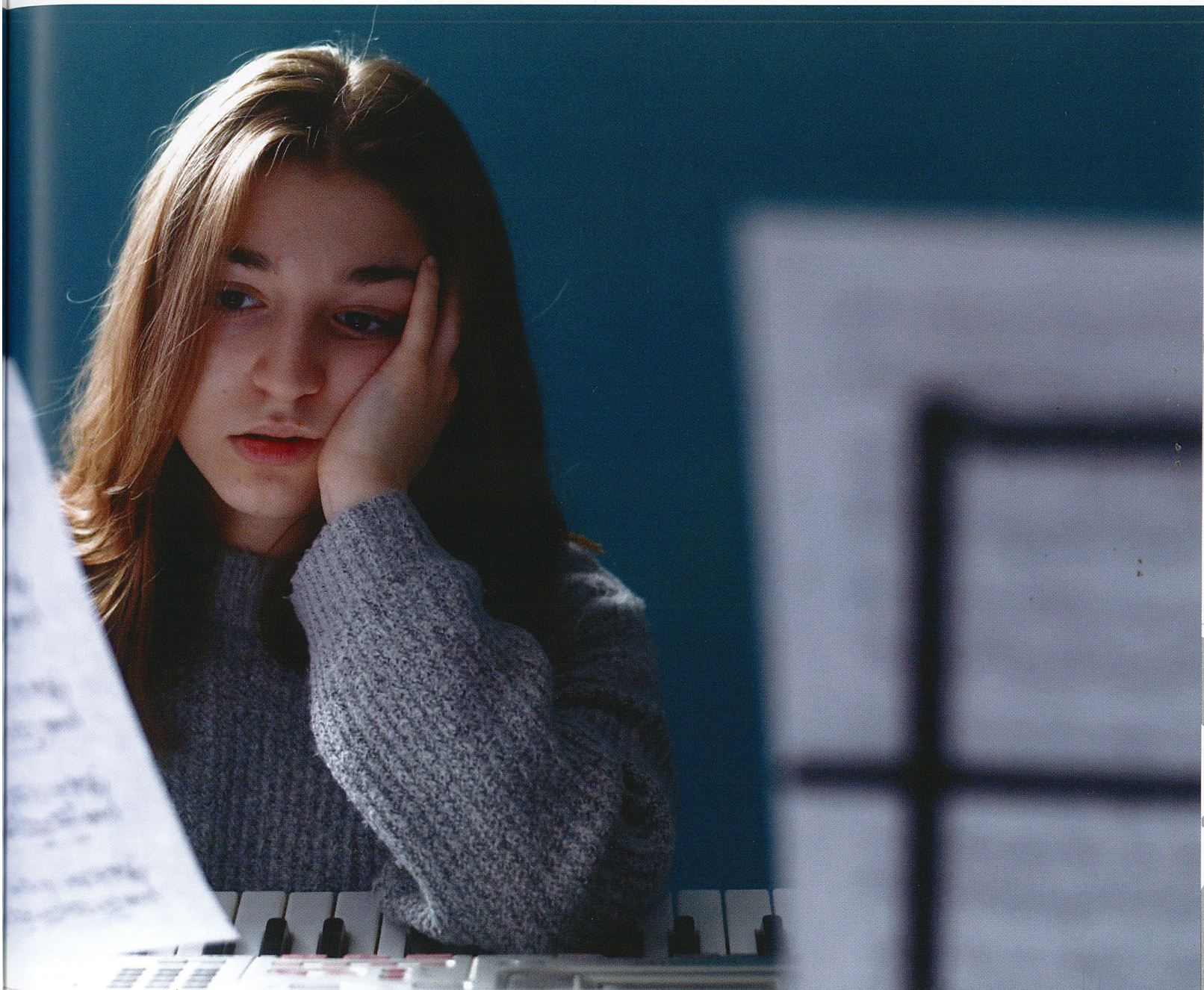


Photo: L. Mamros (12)

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"I like thick crust with sweet sauce  
and banana pepper rings."

Alyssa Finney (12)





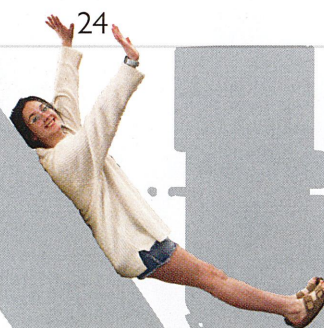
## Completing a yearbook during a pandemic

The adaptations the yearbook staff had to oblige by for this book definitely broke ground like never before. The yearbook staff did not shy away from creating a book from cover to cover during a pandemic as they found new methods of communication and interviewing.

Thank you to the literary staff for tapping into how sports, clubs, and classes implemented new methods and traditions. Thank you to the reporting staff for your hard work in complimenting pictures in the best way possible. Thank you to the photography staff for finding new angles on this crazy year.

Mrs. Gracey and Mr. Swanson, thank you for the constant encouragement, even if it meant a mental breakdown in the library because of a looming deadline. And to Mr. Fantaski, thank you for your "PF thoughts". The yearbook would not be the same without them.

Although this year brought many unexpected twists and turns, thank you to the entire staff for continuing to work hard to make this yearbook the best it can be. We are grateful for the opportunities to have spent these last years getting to know you better through getting to know the school better.



Build your ideal pizza.

"I like plain cheese pizza, sometimes with pepperoni or sausage. I prefer thin crust or any crust that is not too hard/crunchy."

Sophie Smietana (10)

"Regular crust with pepperoni and banana peppers."

Marissa Baker (12)

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Note: No club pictures taken due to COVID.

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Nyeemah Bell, Isabella Bendtsen, Victoria Berberich, Addison Bien, Anne Bowser, Aubrey Carion, Savannah Detar, Summer Fairman, Rowan Fitch, Jessalynn Fitzpatrick, Dalaney Gestrich, Olivia Hansen, Julia Hanzlik, Ellie Hecker, Alexis Hoak, Alyssa Kamer, Francesca King, Ariana Kuks, Carli Luciano, Victoria Meyer, Sarah Musser, Emma Peck, Natalie Pflum, Heidi Plazio, Phoebe Richard, Kaitlyn Ritter, Aaliyah Russo, Laci Safranyos, Sara Shannon, Kylie Shondelmyer, Marissa Steele, Sade Taylor, Caylie Tursky, Haley Zeller. **Directors:** Mrs. McMeans and Mrs. Heiny.

### Cavalier Show Choir

Erica Brestensky, Bryant Brzozowski, Alexis Caldwell, Mason Caldwell, Cameron DeAngelis, Madison Dodek, Garrett Fryar, Nicole Gross, Victoria Hogan, Zoe Holm, Ava Hutchinson, Jordan Hutchinson, Sarah Johnson, Kendall Kernan, Katie Kiebler, Mackenzie Knapp, Valerie McMullen, Emma Mellinger, Jackson Newell, Landon Newell, Evan Opaska, Courtney Rainey, Mackenzie Rainey, Zachary Roden, Ryan Schmidt, Jocelyn Spencer, Kamryn Suman, Emerson Watkins, Samuel Wigton, Alexis Wilson, Jordan Zellers, Hanna Zidek. **Directors:** Mrs. McMeans and Mrs. Heiny.

### Cavalier Singers

Autumn Ashbaugh, Shannon Brown, Bryant Brzozowski, Madalynn Byers, Alexis Caldwell, Grace Claxon, Joseph Collini, Alyssa Finney, Jacob Folaron, Rebekah Fowler, Garrett Fryar, Joseph George, Derek Hald, Hannah Kastelic, Valerie McMullen, Jackson Newell, Heidi Plazio, Zachary Roden, Emily Rouse, Jordan Zellers. **Directors:** Mrs. McMeans and Mrs. Heiny.

### Symphonic Voices

Caitlyn Alexander, Maddox Anderson, Joshua Ardellitz, Madison Bachar, Christopher Bishop, Olivia Blankenship, Anders Bordoy, Kayley Bowser, Erica Brestensky, Hailey Briggs, Katelyn Byers, Rosalia Cardinale, April Carey, Kristian Clayton, Caleb Custer, Brian Davenport, Cameron DeAngelis, Luke Emmerling, Brooke Endress, Bryanna Finney, Connor Flemm, Jason Flemm, Jacob Folaron, Liam Foley, Edward Fuhrer, Jack Getty, Lillian Gibbon, Nicole Gross, Jacob Halter, Alexandra Hamilton, Riley Hanan, Levi Hansen, Tabytha Hogan, Victoria Hogan, Emerson Johngarlo, Sarah Johnson, Zachary Jordan, Isaac Kemerer, Kendall Kernan, Ethan Kerr, Tyler King, Tanner Kowalkowski, Cassandra Leith, Merlin Libent, Sierra Linhart, Mikayla McDonald, Demiux McFadden, Jason McGuire, Emma Mellinger, Braden Miika, Christopher Miller, Jordan Miller, Luke Moran, Emmalee Mortensen, Ashley Moyle, Kaylee Musco, Landon Newell, Morgan Perry, Drake Pettigrew, Madalynn Polka, Davien Pope, Kyle Poremski, Allison Prenni, Jonah Pusateri, Courtney Rainey, Brady Rametta, Abigail Retter, Kaileyann Reutzelfish, Deashaun Rhine, Fred Ridener, Brad Rupert, Jackson Sandor, Gabriella Schafer, Kevin Schmidt, Emily Schrag, Olivia Schrag, Jayden Semprevivo, Garrett Seymour, Ryan Shaffer, V Shirey, Michael Shoemaker, Alexis Shook, Ethan Smith, Kamryn Suman, Noah Thimons, Amanda Trybus, Nathan Vokes, Caitlin Ward, Emerson Watkins, Skylar Watterson, Treyden Watterson, Alyssa Weigand, Alexis Wilson, John Wolfe, Conor Wolfgang, Allison Zdobinski. **Directors:** Mrs. McMeans and Mrs. Heiny.

### Changing how we sing...

With the addition of SmartMusic to the Music Department, students both virtual and in-person could participate in chorus classes. "SmartMusic has its faults like having terrible places for page turns, however because of the circumstances SmartMusic let's us complete our assignments outside of class," Alexis Hoak (9) said. Hoak wished that SmartMusic showed more than just one section's part of the music.

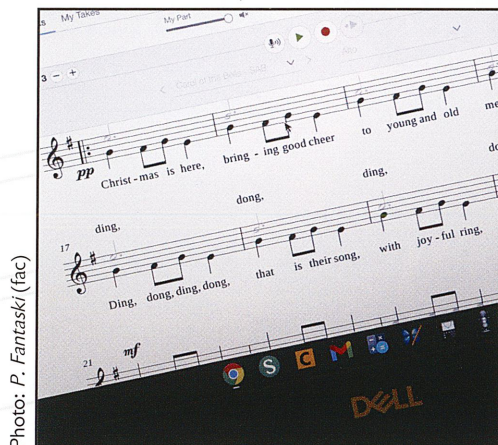


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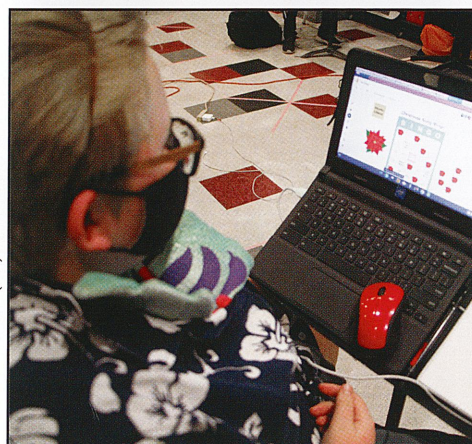
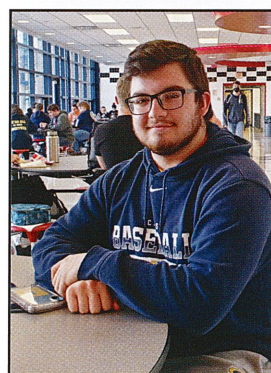


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### No judgement here...

As he works on a chorus assessment, Merlin Libent (9) enjoys singing. "My favorite part of chorus is how I get to sing tenor without being judged," Libent said. Libent first took chorus in 6th grade and looked forward to continuing to participate in chorus throughout high school.

## Moves me most



What single piece of music fills your heart more than any other?

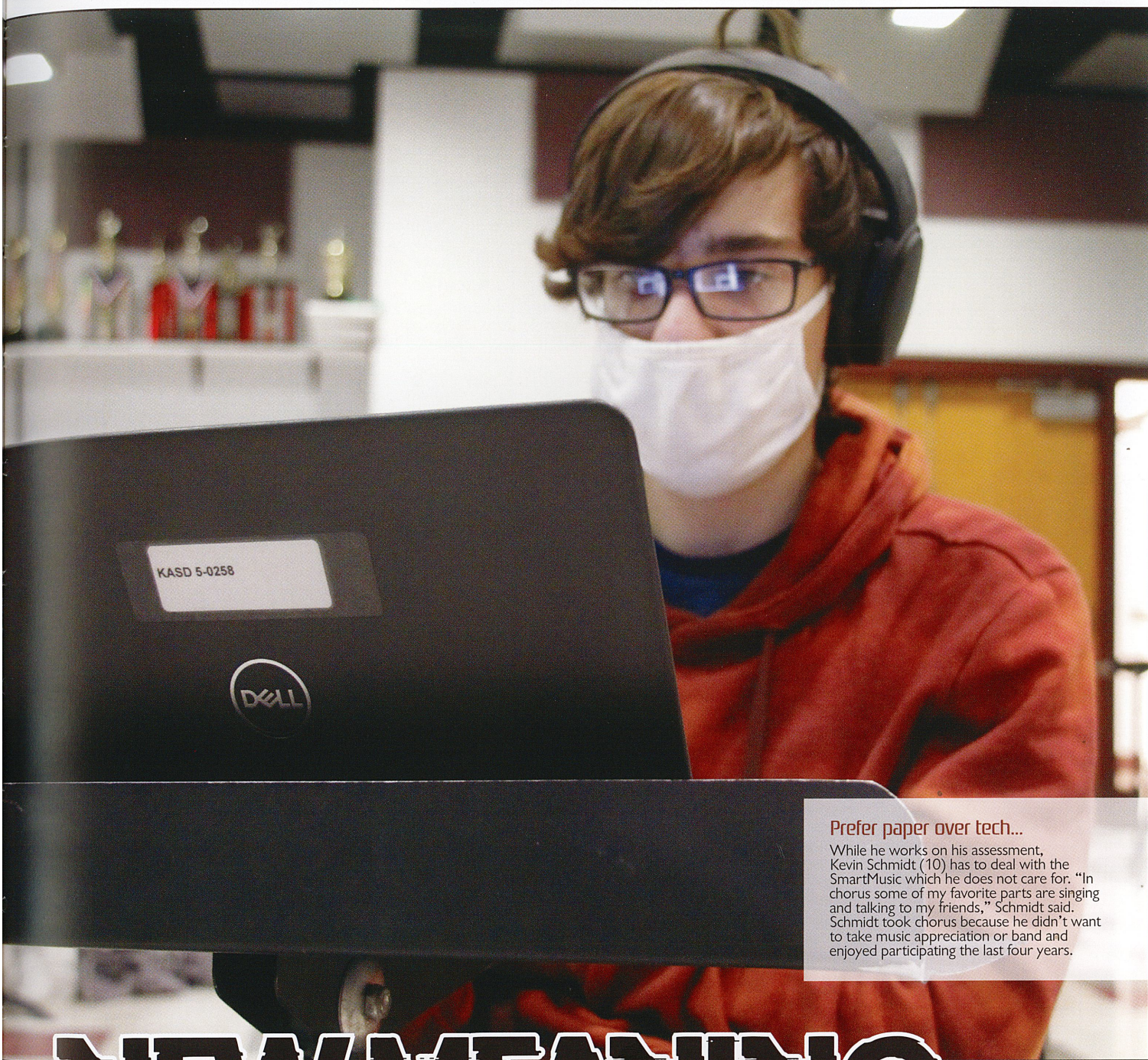
"One of my all-time favorite songs that I ever performed was 'Baba Yetu' by Christopher Tin. We performed it when I was in 10th grade. It is a fun piece to perform and when it the number came together, it was powerful."

Michael Shoemaker (12)

"I can't stop listening to 'Last Christmas' by Ariana Grande. It honestly reminds me of a lot that happened and that you can't really do anything but laugh about it."

Keira Beach (10)





### Prefer paper over tech...

While he works on his assessment, Kevin Schmidt (10) has to deal with the SmartMusic which he does not care for. "In chorus some of my favorite parts are singing and talking to my friends," Schmidt said. Schmidt took chorus because he didn't want to take music appreciation or band and enjoyed participating the last four years.

Photo: P. Fantaski (fac)

# NEW MEANING FOR SILENT NIGHT

Story: R. Fowler (12)

## Chorus goes tech but holds no concerts

The sights and sounds of the chorus room appeared different for those who passed by during school. It not only sounded quieter due to fewer students in class, but the usual sounds of holiday music did not radiate this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, chorus concerts could not be held.

"The Christmas concerts were a good way to get festive going into the

Christmas season. It was sad realizing that my junior year concert was my last one," Kyle Poremski (12) said.

Although not having a holiday celebration disappointed many, most chorus students' dismay increased when they heard that their hard work would not be displayed in a winter concert. In a typical year, choir members began their practice for the concert in September, but restrictions prevented that from happening.

"I was very disappointed at not having a concert because I worked very hard to be the only freshman in the

highest level chorus. I really wanted to get a chance to showcase my skills in a Christmas concert," Heidi Plazio (9) said.

Even though a Christmas concert did not occupy the agenda, the chorus classes turned to something new for class. With limited in-person attendance, a full in-class ensemble seemed impossible. Choir instructor Mrs. McMeans turned to the website "Smart Music" to cater assignments to students both in school and at home.

"Smart Music really has helped me to incorporate both sheet music and

additional sight singing assignments in my lesson plans. We had the opportunity to try some new things with my classes. Although I miss having all of my students singing in my room, I'm glad I was able to utilize something to keep my kids singing at home and in school," Mrs. McMeans said.

What Christmas song do you never get tired of hearing?

"'The Christmas Song.' I just love the song. It's a sign of Christmas for me."

Valerie McMullen (12)

"'I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus' by The Jackson 5. RIP Michael Jackson. He was good even as a kid."

Alistair Polk (12)

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*Choral Ensembles*

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# CLUB Rosters

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## Percussion Ensemble

Neo Alberti, Abigail Cyphert, Michael Erdman, Matthew Fuhrer, Caleb Gardone, Ryan Nauyokas, Abigail Negley, Brandon O'Donnell, Brandon Pedrosky, Alyssa Seibel. *Directors:* Mr. Pachesky and Mr. Pityk.

## Jazz Band A

Dylan Arner, Lindsay Bush, Xaiden Connelly, Calder Gee, Zachary George, Jordan Glunt, Ryan Gould, Gianna Kraus, Carter Levski, Dylan Matcho, David Shevlin, Cooper Sluka, Kaylie Smith, Lukas Smith, Maya Volpe, Lucas Vrudney, Ethan Wells, Grace Wilson, Noah Yauger. *Directors:* Mr. Pachesky and Mr. Pityk.

## Jazz Band B

Dylan Arner, Michael Bucci, Madaline Devey, Larissa Dubac, Aaron Dull, Braden Glomb, Mallory Gourley, Camille Graham, Tatiana Holt, Sidney Mowers, Ambur Orowitz, Cassia Remencus, Sara Shannon, Carly Shupe, Lucas Vrudney, Evan Wells. *Directors:* Mr. Pachesky and Mr. Pityk.

## Scholastic Open Winterguard

Madison Artman, Maycee Auden, Julianne Bowman, Isabella Corsaro, Miranda Crofutt, Audrey Deturck, Sydney Devey, Breanna Dowling, Elizabeth Fitch, Rowan Fitch, Rebekah Frye, Rachel Helsel, McKenzie Kuth, Abigail Mortensen, Emmalee Mortensen, Sidney Mowers, Tara Shamburg, Sade Taylor. *Directors:* Mr. Pachesky and Mr. Pityk.

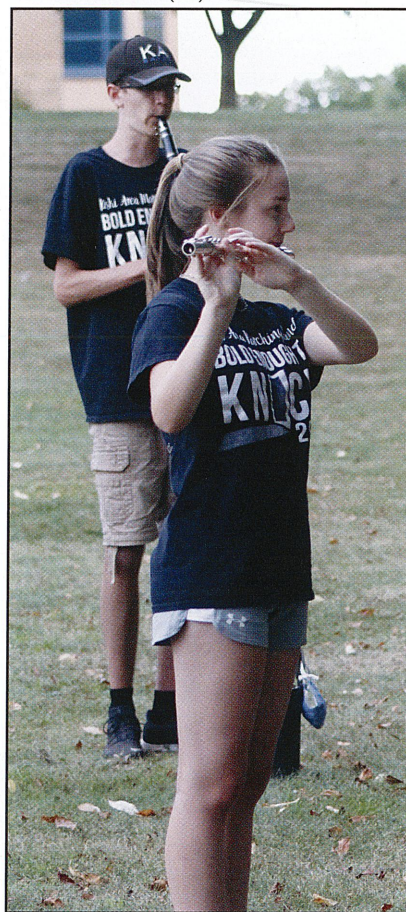
## Scholastic A Winterguard

Lillian Belknap, Kayley Bowser, Samantha Brandt, Isabella Ciuca, Lauren Ciuca, Madaline Devey, Ireland Foley, Teagan Gee, Naudia Henry, Laina Kowalczyk, Ainsley Lattimore, Vivien Pavolik, Madalaine Scalise, Erica Shamburg, Sara Shannon, Alivia Sherbondy, Emily Thompson, Addison Uskuraitis, Sophia Wilson. *Directors:* Mr. Pachesky and Mr. Pityk.

## Concert Ensemble

Neo Alberti, Dylan Arner, Jacob Borden, Julianne Bowman, Reilly Brandle, Michael Bucci, Logan Burkett, Lindsay Bush, Brooklyn Castleberry, Avery Celo, Joseph Collini, Xaiden Connelly, Madison Corna, Miranda Crofutt, Victoria Crystalloski, Abigail Cyphert, Nicole Dasta, Dylan Davenport, Madaline Devey, Sydney Devey, Larissa Dubac, Aaron Dull, Luke Emmerling, Michael Erdman, Matthew Fuhrer, Joseph Galo, Caleb Gardone, Calder Gee, Grace Gertz, Zachary George, Braden Glomb, Jordan Glunt, Ryan Gould, Mallory Gourley, Camille Graham, Philip Harris, Maria Heath, Blaise Hilderbrand, Tyler Hobbins, Tatiana Holt, Adalynn Jodon, Hayley Kerfoot, Abigail King, Emma King, Gianna Kraus, Ainsley Lattimore, Emersyn Lynch, Anne Maga, Travis Maga, Dylan Matcho, Jesse May, Eric McCurdy, Juliana Michaels, Sidney Mowers, Alyssa Mydock, Zachary Myers, Ryan Nauyokas, Abigail Negley, Brandon O'Donnell, Katrina Orange, Ambur Orowitz, Tyler Patterson, Lauren Paultel, Brandon Pedrosky, Tayquan Phelps, Gabriella Prignon, Isabel Ramos, Brandon Ray, Allyson Reiner, Gabriel Reiner, Devin Reinhart, Cassia Remencus, Ryan Ridenour, Emily Rouse, Benjamin Ruggles, Madison Safranyos, David Sames, Alyssa Seibel, Trinity Seibel, Garrett Seymour, Jonathan Shaffer, Tara Shamburg, Sara Shannon, David Shevlin, Ty Shick, Mason Shreffler, Carly Shupe, Hannah Simpson, Cooper Sluka, Sophie Smietana, Kaylie Smith, Lukas Smith, Kevin Stiffey, Angela Tucker, Pailey Vitale, Maya Volpe, Lucas Vrudney, Cameron Walker, Ethan Wells, Evan Wells, India Williams, Grace Wilson, Zakayah Worsham, Noah Yauger, Haley Zeller, Andie Zielinski. *Directors:* Mr. Pachesky and Mr. Pityk.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



### Lack of competition...

While practicing for the show, Sydney Devey (11) plays her part during an outdoor and socially-distanced rehearsal. "The weirdest part about this year was not competing because that is primarily what we do," Devey said. She indicated that the Avengers' theme song ranked as her favorite movement this year.

"Out of all the equipment I have spun, I do prefer flag. I love learning new tosses with flag and I overall just enjoy the experience of performing with silk rather than a rifle."

Bella Ciuca (8)



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"I like the different instruments that are in the percussion section and how many different sounds each individual instrument makes."

Brandon O'Donnell (9)



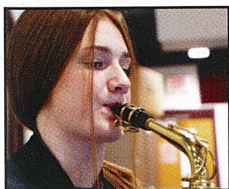


### Double instruments...

While warming up with the brass section, Sara Shannon (9) gets ready to play through the ballad of the show. "For concert band, I play the French horn. French horn isn't a marching instrument for several reasons, so the most common substitute is a mellophone. The mellophone is able to give that special touch of power to a brass section whether it be marching band or DCI," Shannon said. Sara knew that she had to join the marching band when she saw her cousins preform in the show "Out of the Blue."

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

# ALL ABOUT EMBOUCHURE



"It took about two years to feel like I can be consistent on the saxophone after I started in 6th grade."

Avery Celo (10)



"I started playing brass instruments in elementary school, and I've improved on my embouchure each year."

Dylan Matcho (12)



"I started the flute in 4th grade and it took about two years to feel comfortable. I keep working at it to get better."

Angela Tucker (10)



"The bassoon is a change from the clarinet that I used to play. It took a couple of months to feel comfortable."

Hayley Kerfoot (12)

Band members discuss difficulty of getting the best sound out of their instrument

What do you like about the instrument you play?

"The flute has an incredibly unique sound only offered by this woodwind instrument."

Lucas Brunermer (12)

"I like all the jazz you can play with the alto sax."

David Shevlin (10)

**CLUBS 3**

*Instrumental Ensembles*

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# Rosters

## Student Council

Faith Andree, Marissa Baker, Isabella Bendtsen, Victoria Berberich, Mackenzi Bigley, Brynn Bires, Alexa Bollinger, Hailey Bollinger, Natalie Bollinger, Katelyn Bombalski, Shannon Brown, Jason Buczak, Payton Buffone, Lindsay Bush, Aubrey Carion, Avery Celo, Kasandra Cessna, Grace Claxon, Gianna Clayton, Lexiann Colaianne, Cora Coleman, Jack Coleman, Samantha Coleman, Faith Cook, Elizabeth Crawford, Mia Devito, Noah Faber, Lily Facemyer, Paige Faulk, Sabrina Ferraccio, Alyssa Finney, Rebekah Fowler, Alyssa Fry, Zachary Fry, Cole Graf, Nicole Gross, Casey Gulyas, Bailey Hamilton, Ellie Hecker, Hunter Heinack, Calvin Heinle, Bryn Hewitt, Grace Hill, Ava Hutchinson, Jordan Hutchinson, Abigail Johns, Sydney Joyce, Alyssa Kamer, Abigail King, Emma King, Riley Koziatek, Makenna MacLean, Jayden Mattis, Ella McBryde, Valerie McMullen, Emma Mellinger, Alayna Mintz, Jackson Newell, Gabriella Prignon, Jonah Pusateri, Courtney Rainey, Ryan Ridenour, Nevaeh Riggle, Ryan Schmidt, Rylee Sgourakis, Sara Shannon, Carly Shupe, Devan Sonafelt, Jessica Starr, Reilly Sullivan, Sarah Sullivan, Nina Summerhill, Allison Thompson, Cameran Thompson, Angela Tucker, Pailey Vitale, Nathan Vokes, Emerson Watkins, Asya Welch, Kate Wigton, Aaron Witt, Nathan Witt, Rylee Yeager, Lindsey Zera. *Advisers:* Ms. Smith.

## Environmental Club

Faith Andree, Katelyn Bombalski, Faith Cook, Nicole Gross, Olivia Hansen, Megan Hastings, Macey Hepler, Rose Lloyd, Britain Nelson, Josette Plazio, Lizeth Sesmas, Payton Sullivan, Bella Uskuraitis, Garrison Wehrle, Lindsey Zera, Andie Zielinski. *Adviser:* Ms. Bresnehan.

## Horticulture

Jack Crider, Thaddeus Decock, Rose Lloyd, Angelina McCarthy, Kara McCarthy, Braden Mika, Savannah Renwick, Mary Smith, Miabella Steele. *Advisers:* Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Snedecor, and Mrs. Witucki.

## Tech Desk Aides

Marissa Baker, Eliam Booker, Katelyn Byers, Madisyn Coulter, Paige Faulk, Adam Ferraccio, Sabrina Ferraccio, Alyssa Finney, Olivia Hansen, Adam Johnson, Douglas Johnson, Christopher Massari, Taylynn Mathews, Alayna Mintz, Bryson Mohney, Isabella Nolf, Rylee Sgourakis, Mckaila Sly, Darian Sonafelt. *Adviser:* Mr. Tedorski.

## Future Business Leaders of America

Faith Cook, Dylan Paradis, Margaret Pulice, Pailey Vitale, Ethan Weightman. *Adviser:* Mrs. Valeski.

## Best Buddies Club

Emma Beck, Alyssa Carlisle, Grace Claxon, Jennifer Coniglio, Audrey Deturck, Melodie Duncan, Rebekah Fowler, Victoria Hogan, Zachary Powers, Isabel Ramos, Sarah Reidell, Cameran Thompson, Bella Uskuraitis, Maya Volpe, Caitlin Ward, Lindsey Zera. *Adviser:* Mr. Donati and Mrs. Lynch.

## SHOUT Club

Faith Andree, Keira Beach, Katelyn Bombalski, Dalilah Bonelli, Anayah'Skye Brackman, Riley Jo Brown, Shannon Brown, Lindsay Bush, Kasandra Cessna, Sylvia Chin, Grace Claxon, Gianna Clayton, Faith Cook, Elizabeth Crawford, Olivia Croney, Victoria Crystalloski, Hannah Dickun, Matt Dongiovanni, Summer Fairman, Sabrina Ferraccio, Rebekah Fowler, Savannah Fritz, Eddie Fuhrer, Jordan Glunt, Casey Gulyas, Madyson Hall, Olivia Hansen, Megan Hastings, Ellie Hecker, Madison Henshaw, Bryn Hewitt, Grace Hill, Tatiana Holt, Jordan Hutchinson, Sydney Joyce, Hannah Kastelic, Gianna Kraus, Rose Lloyd, Makenna MacLean, Mateya Maldonado, Carmine Mascarello, Juliana Michaels, Genevieve Miller, Abigail Negley, Heidi Plazio, Josie Plazio, Zachary Powers, Isabel Ramos, Jasmine Reinhart, Cassia Remencus, Fred Ridener, Jada Schuler, Lizeth Sesmas, Sara Shannon, Hannah Simpson, Devan Sonafelt, Payton Sullivan, Reilly Sullivan, Nina Summerhill, Sade Taylor, Cameran Thompson, Caylie Tursky, Bella Uskuraitis, Pailey Vitale, Ethan Weightman, Asya Welch, Zakayah Worsham, Lindsey Zera, Andie Zielinski. *Adviser:* Mr. Berzonsky.

## Bible Club

Emma Beck, Zoe Belknap, Lillian Belknap, April Carey, Grace Claxon, Jordan Glunt, Camille Graham, Vincent Gray, Riley Hanan, Olivia Hansen, Victoria Hogan, Zoe Holm, Abigail Johns, Isaac Kemerer, Abigail King, Ainsley Lattimore, Sarah Musser, Jackson Newell, Ambur Orowitz, Natalie Pflum, Zachary Powers, Allyson Reiner, Gabriel Reiner, Cassia Remencus, Ryan Ridenour, Benjamin Ruggles, Erin Sciuillo, Alyssa Seibel, Angela Tucker, Lucas Vrudney, Chloe Welshans, Kate Wigton, Andie Zielinski. *Advisers:* Mrs. Laero and Mrs. Royer.

## Community action...

During a lunch and learn meeting, Ambur Orowitz (9) packs boxes for the Bible Club toy drive. "Not only did we pack toys specific to boys and girls, we also threw in necessities like toothbrushes and toothpaste," Orowitz said. She enjoyed helping with the toy drive and appreciated the opportunity to join Bible Club.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



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## Function of making it function...

While Dylan Paradis (9) inspects a broken Chromebook, he prepares himself for a difficult repair job. "I usually help about 20 students per week at the Tech Desk. I usually deal with either a broken screen or a bad battery," Paradis said. He planned to enroll in the Networking Program at the Northern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center for his sophomore year.

"Sometimes I use it to prop up my phone to watch Netflix or Hulu."

Mateya Maldonado (10)



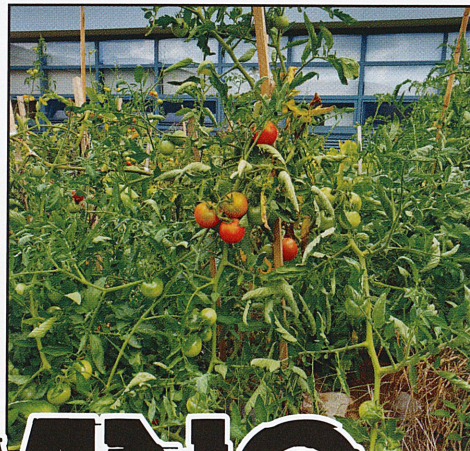
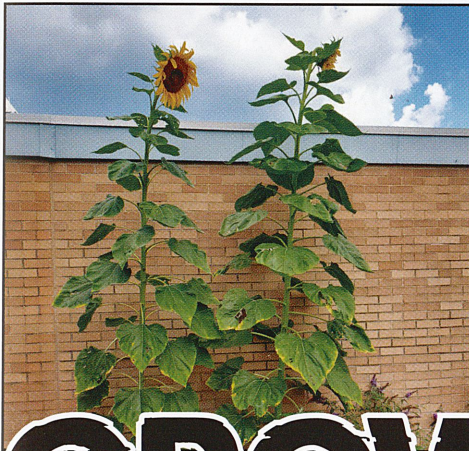


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# GROWING PLANTS AND MINDS

Story: R. Frye (10)

For the second year of Horticulture Club, the organization did not have as many students as advisers Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Shea, and Mrs. Witucki wanted. Given the circumstances for this year, the club made some changes to meet the guidelines.

"We created the Horticulture Club to allow students to bring home the skills they acquire to be able to garden. We start by collecting seeds from plants and

raise them until they are their own flower," Mr. McKenzie says.

The club created a nice place for the students to learn from each other. The students and staff worked hard to keep everything looking presentable. Every day the club members learned new skills.

"I continued to do Horticulture Club because the knowledge you learn about making your own compost out of food scraps is so helpful. I like that when kids look

outside and see the planted flowers, it gives them a welcoming feeling. It is a feel-good moment for me," Savannah Renwick (10) said.

The Horticulture Club brightened up peoples' days and allowed students to apply their new skills at home.

Students grow food and flowers from seed

Besides schoolwork what else do you use your Chromebook for?

"Sometimes I use it to watch Youtube or play games."

Taleen Jawoosh (9)

"Occasionally, I look up a recipe on my Chromebook but I normally do that on my phone."

Angela Tucker (10)

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Growth and Service Clubs

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# CLUB Rosters

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## French Club

Thaddeus Decock, Sydney Joyce, Gianna Kraus, McKenzie Kuth, Sarah Musser, Lauren Pullet, Paul Roberts, Cassia Remencus. Adviser: Madame Brady.

## Spanish Club

Faith Andree, Emma Beck, Katelyn Bombalski, Brooklyn Castleberry, Grace Claxon, Faith Cook, Cody Dykes, Rebekah Fowler, Zachary Fry, Jordan Glunt, Camille Graham, Zachary Hamm, Valerie McMullen, Katrina Orange, Isabel Ramos, Allyson Reiner, Logan Reynolds, Benjamin Ruggles, Pailey Vitale, Garrison Wehrle, Ethan Wells, Evan Wells, Ann Zezyus, Owen Zimmerman. Adviser: Senora Laero.

## Chinese Club

Maddox Anderson, Ethan Beck, Brynn Bires, Anders Bordoy, Faith Boyle, Payton Buffone, Logan Burkett, Sawyer Callaghan-Zanotti, Alexis Caldwell, Lexiann Colaanni, Nathaniel Coleman, David Curry, Madaline Devey, Isabella Devito, Dominic DiNinno, Luke Earley, Danielle Erwin, Jordan Fairman, Andrew Fleming, Connor Flemm, Cole Fluman, Caleb Gardone, Joseph George, Hannah Getty, Dakota Gold, Olivia Gould, Mallory Gourley, Rosa Heath, Hannah Henricks, Madison Henshaw, Courtney Hughes, Gretchen Janoscat, Kendall Kernan, Riley Koziatsek, Michelle Levandoski, Rose Lloyd, Jayden Mattis, Michael McGuire, Lauren Michaels, Brayden Miller, Genevieve Miller, Abigail Mortensen, Nathan Nedley Butz, Ryan Neff, Ryan Nickels, Cole Opalka, Thomas Paes, Brandon Pedrosky, Benjamin Pencak, Haley Phillips, Allison Prenni, Vionno Pugliese, Gianna Rowan, Rylie Sandor, Gabriella Schafer, Heather Schmidt, Lizeth Sesmas, Yuner Sesmas, Tara Shamburg, Cooper Sluka, Sophie Smietana, Kaylie Smith, Devan Sonafelt, Payton Sullivan, Cameran Thompson, Thomas Tobin, Amanda Trybus, Maya Volpe, Cody Wagner, Jordyn Weaver, Ethan Weightman, Kate Wigton, Ethan Woodhall, Allison Zdobinski. Adviser: Chou Laoshi.

## Math Team

Dylan Davenport, Francis DiNinno, Cody Dykes, Zachary Fry, Joseph George, Victoria Hogan, Lacey Mamros, Valerie McMullen, Clarissa Phillips, David Sames, Yuner Sesmas, Cameran Thompson, Tyler Vigna, Ethan Weightman, Ethan Wells, Samuel Wigton, Aaron Witt, Owen Zimmerman. Adviser: Mr. Jankowski.

## Social Studies Club

Shannon Brown, Eddie Fuhrer, Jordan Glunt, Brice Hoculock, Jennifer Johnson, Olivia Long, Dylan Matcho, Alyssa Pert, Ryan Ridenour, Zach Roden, Frankie Rokosz, Benjamin Ruggles, Yuner Sesmas. Adviser: Mr. Williamson.

## Good Morning Kiski

Tatum Antimary, Jackson Bielek, Alexis Caldwell, Nicole Gross, Olivia Hansen, Victoria Hogan, Malachi Martin, Carmine Mascarello, Emma Mellinger, Benjamin Reynolds, Nevaeh Riggle, Grace Wilferd. Adviser: Ms. Richert.

## Academic Quiz Team

Faith Andree, Shannon Brown, Edward Coleman, Jack Coleman, Nathaniel Coleman, Faith Cook, Cody Dykes, Edward Fuhrer, Jennifer Johnson, Lacey Mamros, Carmine Mascarello, Cameran Thompson, Aaron Witt. Adviser: Mrs. Poleski.

## WIRC

Zoe Belknap, Madaline Devey, Jordan Glunt, Rosa Heath, Isabel Ramos, Allyson Reiner. Adviser: Mrs. Miller.

## Mock Trial

Emma Beck, Faith Boyle, Jason Buczak, Lindsay Bush, Shawn Franklin, Zachary Hamm, Grace Hill, Victoria Hogan, Zoe Holm, Sydney Joyce, Hayley Kerfoot, Carter Leviski, Jonah Pusateri, Isabel Ramos, Madison Safranyos, Carly Shupe, Jordan Zellers. Advisers: Mrs. McAfee and Mrs. Valeski.

## NHS

Caitlyn Alexander, Madison Artman, Autumn Ashbaugh, Zoe Belknap, Hailey Bollinger, Cecilia Brennan, Alexis Caldwell, Joseph Collini, Francis DiNinno, Taylor Dombrowsky, Matt Dongiovanni, Jordan Fairman, Alyssa Finney, Rebekah Fowler, Edward Fuhrer, Derek Hald, Rachel Helsel, Hayley Kerfoot, Abigail King, Lacey Mamros, Logan McGarry, Valerie McMullen, Cierra Mydock, Ryan Nauyokas, Rome Oliver, Lauren Pullet, Allyson Reiner, Emily Schrag, Alison Skelly, Samuel Starr, Maya Volpe, Cameron Walker, Ethan Weightman, Alexis Wilson, Jordan Zellers, Hanna Zidek. Advisers: Mrs. Flick and Ms. Richert.

## And... action...

While she waits for the go-ahead signal from Tatum Antimary (9), Lexi Caldwell (12) gets ready to deliver the morning news. Caldwell said, "GMK is giving me an opportunity to experience broadcast media firsthand before I go off to school." Caldwell planned to study media and communications at the University of Kentucky.



Photo: H. Crosby (12)



Photo: S. Smietana (10)

## Camera and sound...

Prior to the start of the GMK telecast, Benjamin Reynolds (10) adjusts the camera to match Lexi Caldwell's (12) height. Reynolds said, "I not only work the cameras, but I make sure the streaming aspect of the broadcast is working, and I control the audio." Reynolds got talked into helping out with GMK by Nevaeh Riggle (10) and decided he that really liked it.

## It takes time

How long do you spend getting ready for broadcast each morning?

"It doesn't take too long. The longest part is putting the teleprompter and slideshow pictures in. I thought it'd take a lot longer, but after falling into the rhythm, we're ready to go by the time we need to stream."

Carmine Mascarello (12)

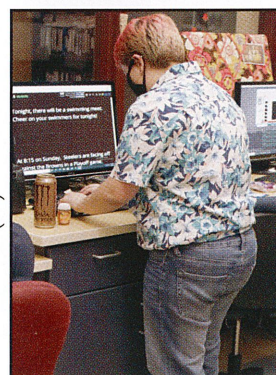


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"Percentages. This really stuck with me because I felt it was a crucial concept to know. Knowing how to calculate percentages is very important, especially when trying to figure out how much to tip people."

Faith Boyle (11)





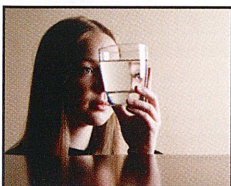
### Morning mishaps...

Through the camera viewer, Grace Wilferd (10) delivers the morning announcements for the live broadcast on YouTube. Wilferd said, "On a day Ms. Richert was absent, we had the teleprompter fail and the livestream wouldn't cooperate. Tori [Hogan (12)] and I had to write out the announcements on notebook paper in order to be able to read them once we got the livestream up and running." Wilferd appreciated her friend Nevaeh Riggle (10) coercing her into joining the GMK staff.

Photo: B. Hewitt (10)

# FOLLOWING THE PROMPT

Students compete in Pennsylvania School Press Association Competition



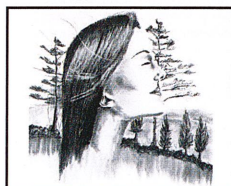
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Lacey Mamros (12)



Editorial Cartoon Category

Emma Beck (11)



Literary Magazine Stand-Alone  
Artwork Category

Jack Coleman (11)



Music  
Newspaper Photography  
Category

Larissa Dubac (11)

As COVID restrictions prompted the cancellation of field trips in most schools across the state, the Pennsylvania School Press Association permitted advisers to administer the Student Journalism Contests in their own schools. From January 25 to February 5, students could compete in 16 different categories. PSPA announced the winners in May.

Name a math  
concept that has  
stuck with you.

"I learned the quadratic formula well because of the quadratic formula song Mrs. Hald played for us."

Ella McBryde (10)

"I think it would have to be PEMDAS."

Kyra McCandless (9)

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**Note:** No club pictures taken due to COVID.

## Rosters

### Key Club

Neo Alberti, Liam Alexander, Maddox Anderson, Faith Andree, Madison Artman, Autumn Ashbaugh, Faith Ashbaugh, Maycee Auden, Madison Bachar, Marissa Baker, Ethan Beck, Mykel Bernat, Mackenzi Bigley, Brynn Bires, Olivia Blankenship, Natalie Bollinger, Katelyn Bombalski, Anne Bowser, Shannon Brown, Payton Buffone, Alexis Caldwell, April Carey, Aubrey Carion, Kasandra Cessna, Collin Cline, Lexiann Colaanni, Jack Coleman, Nathaniel Coleman, Samantha Coleman, Faith Cook, Olivia Croney, Ili Curry, Madaline Devey, Isabella Devito, Dominic DiNinno, Francis DiNinno, Taylor Dombrowsky, Brooke Endress, Jordan Fairman, Summer Fairman, Paige Faulk, Mackenzie Favero, Sabrina Ferraccio, Alyssa Finney, Bryanna Finney, Connor Flemm, Rebekah Fowler, Zachary Fry, Brianna Gagen, Nicole George, Hannah Getty, Hannah Gordish, Nicole Gross, Kyle Guido, Casey Gulyas, Madyson Hall, Alexandra Hamilton, Bailey Hamilton, Olivia Hansen, Megan Hastings, Rosa Heath, Rachel Helsel, Madison Henshaw, Bryn Hewitt, Evan Hileman, Grace Hill, Nicole Hilty, Jordan Hutchinson, Emerson Johngarlo, Zachary Jordan, Sydney Joyce, Hannah Kastelic, Kendall Kernan, Abigail King, Emma King, Lucas Kowalczyk, Riley Koziatek, McKenzie Kuth, Aneeka Laney, Ethan Ledbetter, Rose Lloyd, Carli Luciano, Mateya Maldonado, Lacey Mamros, Dylan Matcho, Jayden Mattis, Ella McBryde, Valerie McMullen, Emma Mellinger, Juliana Michaels, Braden Mika, Genevieve Miller, Kayla Mull, Sarah Musser, Ryan Nauyokas, Ryan Neff, Jackson Newell, Katrina Orange, Benjamin Pencak, Alyssa Pert, Clarissa Phillips, Madalyn Polka, Allison Prenni, Gabriella Prignon, Margaret Pulice, Brady Rametta, Olivia Rapacchietta, Savannah Renwick, Kaileyann Reutzel-Fish, Ryan Ridenour, Laken Robshaw, Benjamin Ruggles, Laci Safranyos, Gabriella Schafer, Monica Schmelzer, Ryan Schmidt, Emily Schrag, Olivia Schrag, Erin Sciuillo, Lizeth Sesmas, Michael Shoemaker, Mason Shreffler, Hannah Simpson, McKaila Sly, Sophie Smietana, Darian Sonafelt, Devan Sonafelt, Jessica Starr, Samuel Starr, Parker Sterlitz, Allison Thompson, Cameran Thompson, Benjamin Townsend, Angela Tucker, Bella Uskuraitis, Isabella Valore, Pailey Vitale, Nathan Vokes, Alyssa Weigand, Asya Welch, Kate Wigton, Samuel Wigton, Alexis Wilson, Quentin Wilson, Aidan Wilwohl, Aaron Witt, Jordan Zellers, Lindsey Zera, Andie Zielinski, Alexis Zollinger. *Advisers:* Mrs. Shreffler and Mrs. Wadsworth.

### Grade 9 Class Officers

Lindsay Bush, Abigail Johns, Carly Shupe, Reilly Sullivan. *Adviser:* Mrs. Gracey.

### Grade 10 Class Officers

Jackson Newell, Gabriella Prignon, Nathan Vokes, Kate Wigton. *Adviser:* Mrs. Gracey.

### Grade 11 Class Officers

Jack Coleman, Isabel Ramos, Payton Sullivan, Pailey Vitale. *Adviser:* Mrs. McCluske.

### Senior Committee

Jordan Fairman, Rebekah Fowler, Zach Fry, Eddie Fuhrer, Olivia Hansen, Lacey Mamros, Valerie McMullen, Ryan Nauyokas, Emily Shrag, Sam Wigton. *Adviser:* Mrs. McCluske.

### CAVs SLAM Club

Madison Artman, Cecilia Brennan, Jennifer Coniglio, Elizabeth Crawford, Brian Davenport, Summer Fairman, Preston Fedoruk, Olivia Hansen, Bryn Hewitt, Rose Lloyd, Kyra McCandless, Juliana Michaels, Braden Mika, Jackson Newell, Kaelyn Phillips, Zachary Powers, Mackenzie Rainey, Cassia Remencus, Deashaun Rhine, Laci Safranyos, Olivia Schrag, Hannah Simpson, Devan Sonafelt, Isabella Valore, Kate Wigton. *Adviser:* Mrs. Pursh.

### CLC

Maddox Anderson, Owen Barr, Brynn Bires, Anders Bordoy, Jason Buczak, Alexis Caldwell, Mason Caldwell, Kasandra Cessna, Lexiann Colaanni, Cora Coleman, Faith Cook, Clayton Cramer, Matthew Dongiovanni, Kaylee Elwood, Jordan Fairman, Connor Flemm, Jason Flemm, Jacob Folaron, Rebekah Fowler, Casey Gulyas, Levi Hansen, Calvin Heinle, Chad Hepler, Macey Hepler, Emerson Johngarlo, Abigail Johns, Karly Keller, Abigail King, Riley Koziatek, Carlee Ruhn, Ella McBryde, Brayden Miller, Phillip Miller, Brayden Roscosky, David Sames, Rylie Sandor, Emily Schrag, Hannah Simpson, Samuel Starr, Sarah Sullivan, Noah Thimons, Angela Tucker, Alexis Wilson, Nathan Witt. *Adviser:* Mrs. Poleski.

### Office Aides

Cecilia Brennan, Katelyn Byers, Madysyn Coulter, Paige Faulk, Sabrina Ferraccio, Alyssa Finney, Brianna Gagen, Olivia Hansen, Doug Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Hayley Kerfoot, Chris Massari, Taylynn Mathews, Alayna Mintz, Lauren Pullet, Olivia Rapacchietta, Lea Ross, Rylee Sgourakis, Alison Skelly, Darian Sonafelt, Emily Steele. *Advisers:* Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Roenigk.

### Community action...

As Ella McBryde (10) packs toys for the Toys for Tots program in Ms. Wadsworth's room, she reflects on the joy of helping others. McBryde said, "It is very inspiring to help with such a great cause and it was a great idea to get students in Key Club involved to help families in the community." McBryde expressed her desire to obtain a leadership position in Key Club and wished she could have joined the club her freshman year.



Photo: J. Swanson (fac)



Photo: S. Smietana (10)

### Pieces of time...

In order to commemorate the opening year of the Casino Theater, Anne Bowser (10) pieces together the parts for a mosaic. Bowser said, "We made a 1900 out of mosaic since that is when the theater opened. I am glad I joined Key Club to help people and the community." Besides classwork, Bowser's school involvement included stage crew and chorus.

"I had family over on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Then New Year's Eve I went over to my boyfriend Logan Lawrence's house, spent the night, and made a gingerbread house."



## PJs for a day



# SCHOOL SPIRIT RESTS IN PAJAMAS

Story: J. Swanson (fac)

In order to garner some Christmas and school spirit heading into the holiday break, Key Club sponsored Christmas Spirit Days. The schedule included Holiday Hat and Mask Day, Red and Green Day, Ugly Sweater Day, and Pajama Day. The December 16 snowfall turned December 17 into a fully online day which, in turn, cancelled the Holiday Hat and Mask Day. Pajama Day brought out the most spirit as many students rolled out of bed

and came to school as is.

Kyle Poremski, who wore pink bunny pajamas, said, "My bunny PJs are very comfortable. I don't mind wearing something that others might laugh about because it was all in good fun. I liked getting into the holiday spirit."

Names:

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Nevaeh Riggle (10)     | 10) Andrew Kerr (9)         |
| 2) Madison Leith (11)     | 11) Terra Shreffler (fac)   |
| 3) Bryant Brzozowski (11) | 12) Sade Taylor (9)         |
| 4) Emma Mellinger (10)    | 13) Abigail Reynolds (9)    |
| 5) Zachary Fry (12)       | 14) Kyle Poremski (12)      |
| 6) Madaline Devey (12)    | 15) Olivia Blankenship (12) |
| 7) Peyton Martin (9)      | 16) Emily Schrag (12)       |
| 8) Frankie Rokosz (10)    | 17) Rebekah Fowler (12)     |
| 9) Phoebe Richard (9)     | 18) Xaiden Connelly (9)     |

What did you  
do over the  
Christmas break?

"I spent most of my break staying up late watching Netflix, Hulu, etc. and sleeping in."

Peyton Martin (9)

"I did my running, celebrated Christmas and New Years, and relaxed."

Paul Roberts (9)

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## Battery

Brandon Pedrosky, Abigail Cyphert, Michael Erdman, Alyssa Seibel, Brandon O'Donnell, Joe Collini, Michael Bucci, Neo Alberti.



## Brass

*Front Row:* Tray Kohler, Alec Tucker, Aidan Bico, Xaiden Connelly, Lindsey Bush, Addison Wright, Victoria Remencus, Kaylie Smith; *Back Row:* Dylan Matcho, Joey George, Aaron Dull, Braden Glomb, Jonathan Shaffer, Dylan Arner, Erica Shamburg, Garrett Seymour, Dylan Davenport.



## Color Guard

*Front Row:* McKenzie Kuth, Maycee Auden, Rachel Helsel, Caitlyn Alexander, Madison Artman, Ciera Mydock, Tara Shamburg; *Row 2:* Samantha Brandt, Teagan Gee, Emily Sarti, Lillian Belknap, Julie Bowman, Kayley Bowser, Elizabeth Fitch, Madalaine Scalise, Addie Uskuraitis; *Row 3:* Mia Martin, Heidi Plazio, Bella Ciucu, Lauren Ciucu, Sophia Wilson, Emmalee Mortensen, Bella Corsaro, Breanna Dowling, Sade Taylor, Audrey Deturck, Rowan Fitch, Laina Kowalczyk; *Back Row:* Emily Thompson, Ainsley Lattimore, Miranda Crofutt, Abigail Mortensen, Sidney Mowers, Vivian Pavolik, Rebekah Frye.



## Trumpets and Mellophones

*Front Row:* Sydney Cerminara, Sara Shannon, Calder Gee; *Back Row:* Cassia Remencus, Brandon Ray, Jesse May, Zachary George, Josh Recker, Gianna Kraus, Ryan Gould, Evan Wells, Lucas Vrudney, Adalynn Jodon, Maya Volpe.



"The saxophone. I now play both alto and tenor saxophones."

Jordan Glunt (11)





# FOR THE HEROES 2020 Show...

## Saxophones

*Front Row:* Ethan Wells, Zoe Belknap, Ally Reiner, Austin Thompson; *Row 2:* Avery Celo, Ella Volpe, Grace Geltz, Grace Wilson, Camille Graham, Jordan Glunt, Victoria Crystaloski, Rachel Schumann; *Back Row:* Reilly Brandle, Cooper Sluka, Travis Maga, Ryan Ridenour, Eric McCurdy, David Shevlin.



## Clarinets

*Front Row:* Cameron Walker, Madaline Devey; *Row 2:* Emma King, Ambur Orowitz, Tatiana Holt, Emersyn Lynch; *Back Row:* Mallory Gourley, Brooklyn Castleberry, Zakiyah Worsham, Hayley Kerfoot, Emily Rouse, Mason Shreffler, Grace Wilferd, Lauren Paullet.

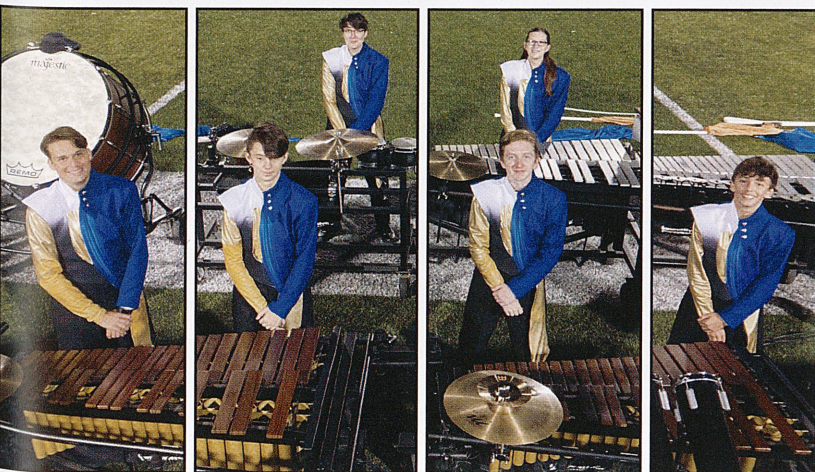
## Flutes

*Front Row:* Angela Tucker, Trinity Siebel, Leyanna Ferguson; *Back Row:* Kéline Smith, Isabel Ramos, Madison Safranyos, Sydney Devey.



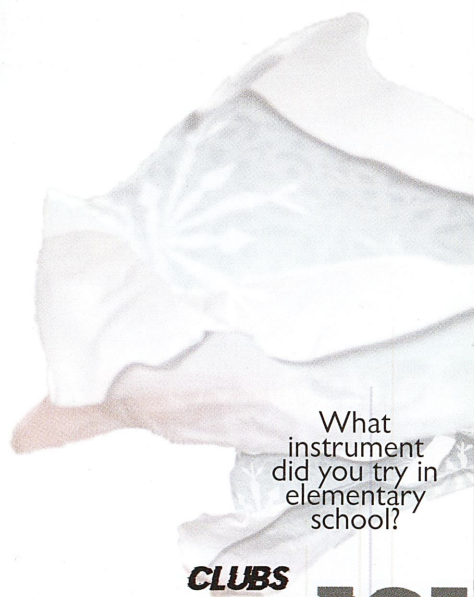
## Low Reeds

*Front Row:* Ben Ruggles; *Back Row:* Maria Heath, Pailey Vitale, Carly Shupe, Sophie Smietana, Nicole Dasta.



## Front Ensemble

*Front Row:* Ryan Nauyokas, Noah Yauger, Matthew Fuhrer, Gabe Reiner; *Back Row:* Jackson Bielek, Abby Negley.



What instrument did you try in elementary school?

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"The recorder. But, I don't play it anymore."

Jennifer Coniglio (10)

"The guitar, and I recently got back into playing it again."

Toby Butler (10)





COMMUNITY



### Kettle corn cravings...

As students assemble at the high school parking lot for graduation practice, Mrs. Terra Shreffler passes out a bag of popcorn to each member of the Class of 2020. "The way the 2019-2020 school year ended broke my heart for the senior class until graduation day. I had a blast handing out popcorn for the 'big show' and seeing my students one last time," Shreffler said. The popcorn, supplied by Blue Ribbon Kettle Corn from Freeport, complemented the graduation ceremony since the Riverside Drive-In Theater served as the setting.

Photo: J. Kasecky (par)

## BREAKING NEW GROUND

Story: R. Fowler (12)

### Mask wearing, take out only, stuck at home

The restaurant industry took a hit with state mandates requiring a maximum 25% dining room capacity, or 50% capacity, or take out and delivery only.

Some restaurants defied Governor Wolf's orders and remained open for dine-in service.

The graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 occurred at the Riverside Drive-In instead of Davis Field.

PNC Park allowed no fans at Pirates' games while the Steelers played with minimal fans or no fans. The Penguins finished a season in a bubble and started the next season with no fans in attendance.

Everywhere one went involved masks, masks, and more masks.

Customers entered Giant Eagle through one door and exited out a different door.

Customers during busy times at Walmart (and other stores) had to wait outdoors until a certain number of customers in the store exited the store.

Movie watching shifted when the theaters had to close. Some blockbusters debuted on streaming services (and bypassed the theaters) such as HBO Max, Netflix, etc.

Drive-in theaters saw a resurgence as they became the safest option to watch movies. Concerts and comedians also jumped in on the drive-in theater platform.





Erin,

Wow, it seems like yesterday you were this cute little girl that we would drag to all your brothers games (in which you never complained), and today you are this amazing young lady that we are truly proud of. You have the drive and determination to succeed at anything you put your mind to, and the future looks very bright for you. Your kindness and thoughtfulness towards others makes you that special person you are, and we are truly blessed to have you in our lives. We will always love and support you in whatever you do.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Ryan



Dearest Olivia...  
our **ONE AND ONLY**

**D**are all your dreams  
**A**lways believe in yourself  
**T**hrough all your dreams  
**H**ave fun, and be happy  
**T**reasure every moment of each day  
**E**mbbrace life  
**R**emember, you will always be our princess

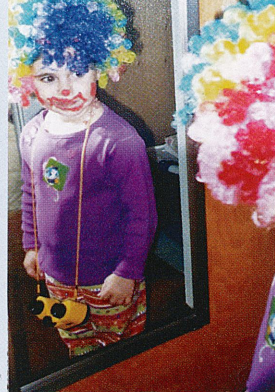
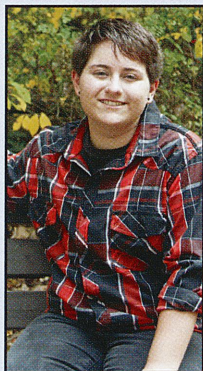
We **LOVE** you more than you know...  
Mom, Dad, Noah, Caleb, and Levi



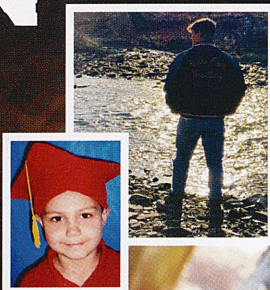
## CONGRATULATIONS - CJ!

We wish you the best of luck in what is to come after high school and everything else even after that. May your future be as bright as you are and good luck at Penn State.

Love from...  
Dad, Nunnie, Grandpa, and the rest of the family.

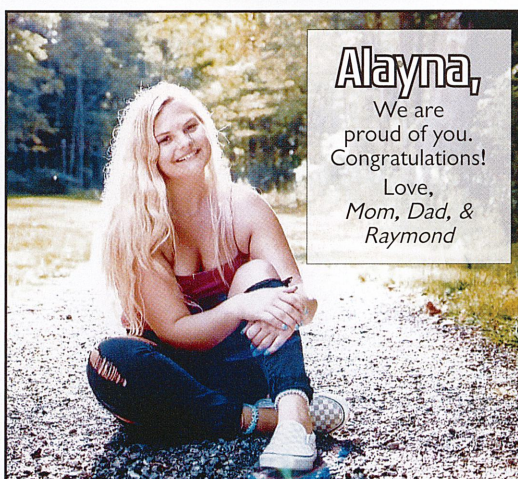


## BRAYDEN



You have given us so many reasons to be proud of the man you have become. We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence and the wisdom to choose your challenges carefully. Always remember how much you are loved,  
Mom, Dad, & Cooper

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths."  
-Proverbs 3:3-6



Alayna,  
We are proud of you. Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Raymond





Congratulations on a job well done. You're a funny, witty, kind young man, and it was joy watching you grow. The whole world awaits you.

Love,

Aunt Tiffany, Uncle Jon, Cousins, Cole, & Avery



# CAMERON

You are our first grandchild, and we loved you from the first moment we saw you. You were a cute, lovable, little boy. Now you're a handsome, caring young man. We were proud watching you follow your passions, especially becoming a firefighter. We can't wait to see what your future holds. You really are The Boss! May God always bless you.

Love, Nonnie & Pap

It's hard to believe you are a senior already... time flew by. We have enjoyed watching you grow through the years from changing your diapers to cheering you on at baseball and watching you follow your dreams of becoming a firefighter. We love you and are very, very proud of the person you have become. Enjoy this year in spite of these crazy times. We know that you can accomplish anything that you put your mind to.

We love you, Mom & Dad





# CONGRATULATIONS, Christopher Massari



Kiddo, we are all so proud of you and the young man you have become.

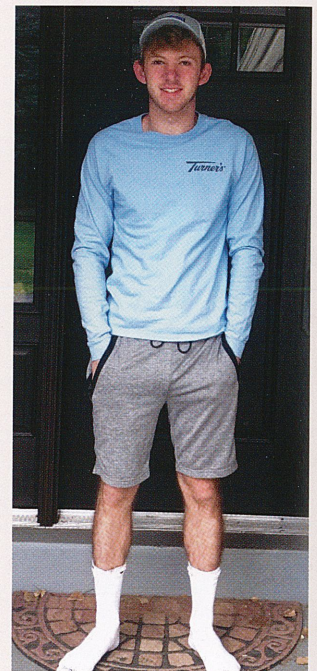
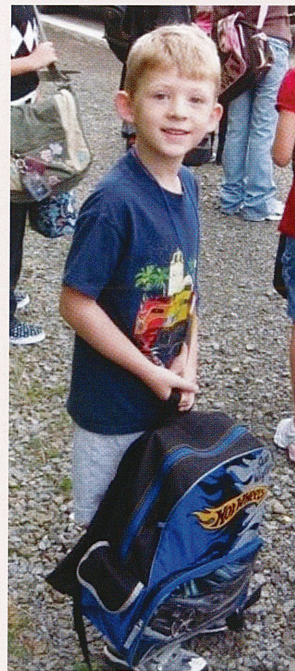
It's so hard to believe you are graduating high school... there are no limits to what you can do.

Your guardian angels  
Grandpa Anthony and Grandpa Frank are smiling down on you.

We all love you...

## CONGRATULATIONS!

# Sam Wigton, We Love You! *Dad, Mom, and Katie*



We couldn't be prouder of the man you've become. Continue to choose kindness, humility, and Christ!

# April, THE TASSEL WAS WORTH THE HASSLE! CONGRATULATIONS!



I am so very proud of the beautiful woman you have become. I am so grateful to have been your adult trainer. Please, Pistachio, be mindful. Appreciate the stars. Embrace change and challenges. Don't forget tomorrow is a do-over. Most importantly, have fun the way I taught you.

Woo hoo! You truly are my Sunshine! I am shouting out to the world! I AM SO PROUD OF YOU!

I love you so much!  
Your Grammy

# Alyssa,

You will achieve anything you set your mind to!



We are so proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom, Mike, Hadlee, & Miller



# LAUREN,

We love all that you've become, and we're so proud of all that you've accomplished. We know there is an adventure out there waiting for you, calling to your spirit to pursue the endless limits of your dreams. Always believe in yourself, and remember life is a journey; the end of one part is the beginning of another. We are so proud of your past accomplishments and look forward to new beginnings and your wonderful adventure ahead. We will be there every step of the way.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Megan, Alex,  
Zach, Shadow, and Reno



# Kyle,



It has been our absolute pleasure to watch you grow into the young man you are today. As one journey ends, another is just beginning. Enjoy every step of it, son.

Love, Mom and Dad






**OLIVIA...**

You are smart and beautiful, and we couldn't be more proud of you. Always be you! We want you to achieve great things in life. Chase your dreams, but always remember the road that brings you back home.

*We love you... Mom, Dad, Vince, & Zia*

CLASS OF ~2021~

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Kiewi area  
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**Taylor...**

*Always remember when...*

**You were a young girl, and you had passion, determination, and the heart of gold.**

**Here, today, you continue to have all those qualities, plus so much more.**

**We are so proud of what you have done and for what is to come. We love you!**

**Mom, Dad, and Sis**

1 Timothy 4:12  
"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."



**Congratulations... LEXUS**

Daddy (Justin) and I are so proud of you and who you have become. I could not be more happy. Your Dad would also be so proud, and he will always be watching over you. You will go far in this world, and never change who you are... for anybody!





**EMILY**

From the first day of preschool... to kindergarten... to your senior year... words can not describe how incredibly proud we are of you and all the amazing accomplishments that you have achieved. You have grown into this amazing woman, and we can not wait to see what the future holds for you. You are going to move mountains and tackle it with all the heart and dedication you put into everything you do.

One last thing, "Always remember you have within you—the strength, patience and passion to reach for the stars and to change the world."

**We love you to infinity and beyond.**

Love,  
**Mom, Dad, and Olivia**



# ALYSSA

We are so incredibly proud of all of your accomplishments and of the amazing, beautiful, strong woman you have become! As you head out into the world on your own path,

please remember to always stay true to you.

Dream big, Sweet Girl!

We love you!  
Mom and Dad



**G**rade school at Mamont then Upper Elementary,  
**A**cquiring new friends and making memories.  
**R**eceiving many achievement awards & never falling behind,  
**R**esilient, resourceful, remarkable are words that come to mind.  
**I**mpressing everyone with your spirit, drive, and determination,  
**S**eeing you become a handsome and intelligent young man with aspirations.  
**O**nward now to a college degree,  
**N**o one is prouder of you than your family!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Micary

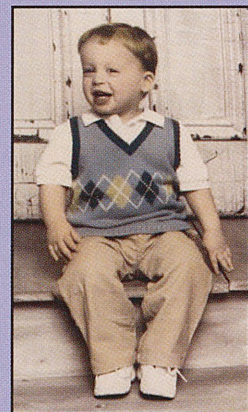
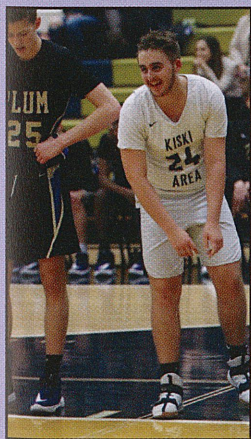
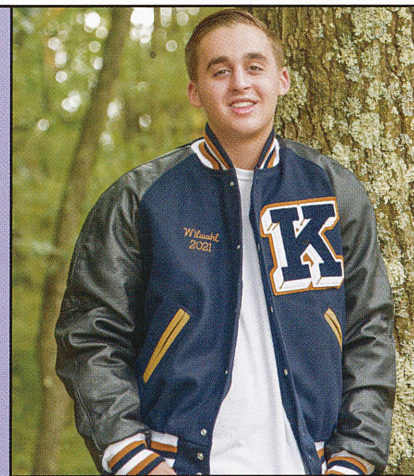


# Aidan,

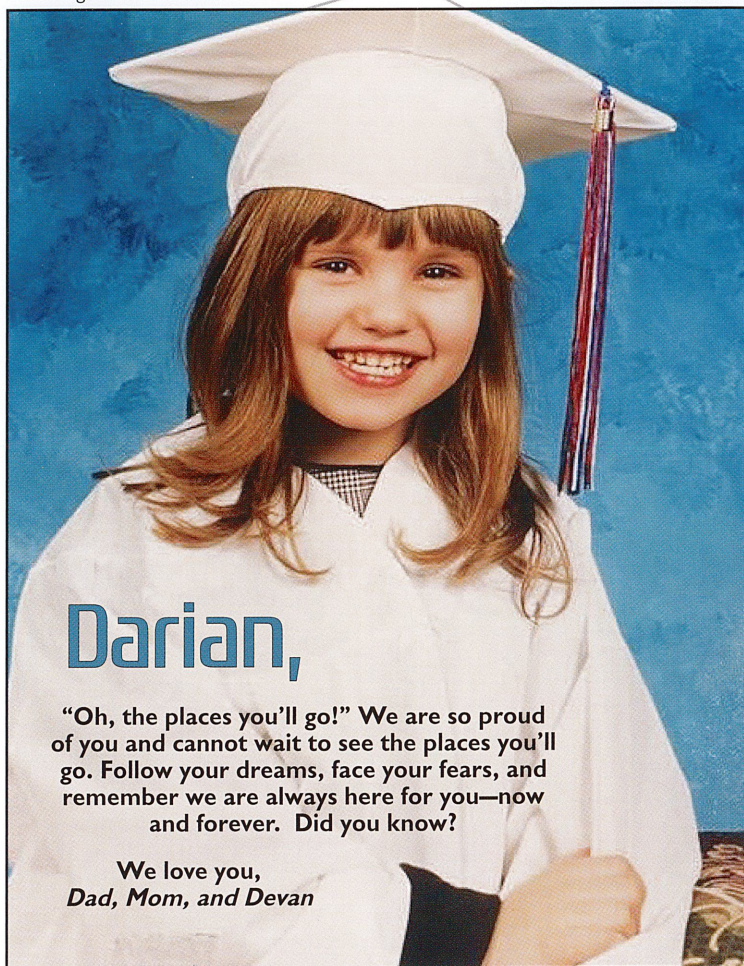
What a wonderful, kind, generous, handsome, young man you've become. It was a true blessing to watch you grow through the years, especially watching you play baseball and basketball. You have made us proud, every step of the way. We can see very bright and prosperous things happening for you in the future. Never quit, and always reach for the stars. Good luck, and stay true to yourself in college!

Love you all the bushes in the world!

Mom, Jason, Jessi, Brody, and Ciera







## Darian,

"Oh, the places you'll go!" We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see the places you'll go. Follow your dreams, face your fears, and remember we are always here for you—now and forever. Did you know?

We love you,  
Dad, Mom, and Devan



## Nicole,

It seems like yesterday you were starting kindergarten, and now, you are graduating high school. It went by so fast. We are so proud of the young lady you have become. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Congratulations.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Justin

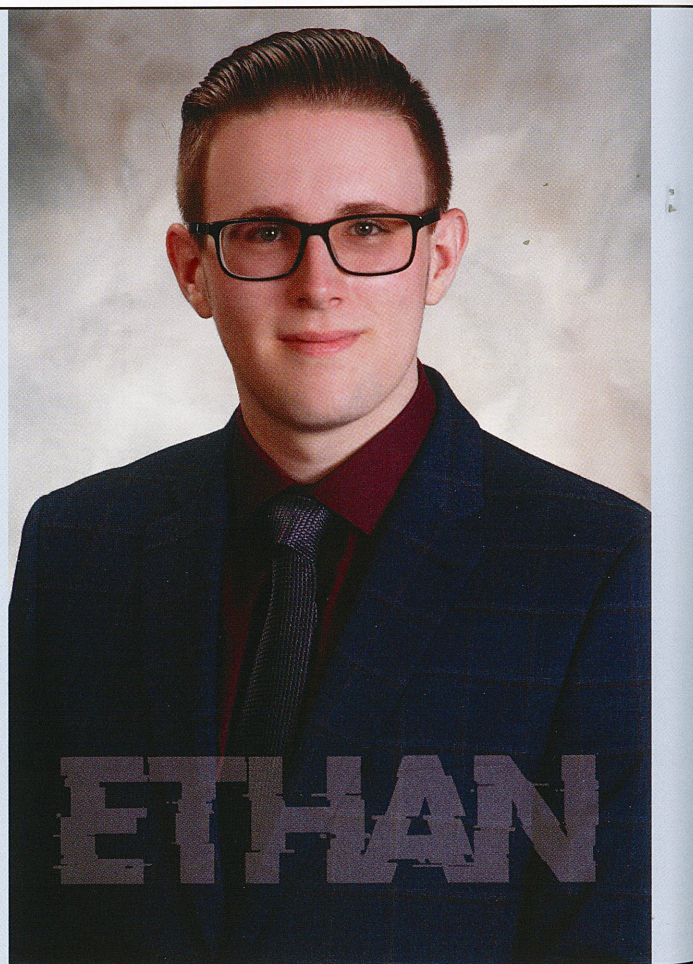


To our son, grandson, and brother - whom we admire, respect, and love, with all our hearts. Your integrity, caring, and intelligence will carry you far in life. Always listen to your heart—that inner voice, for it will guide you when you're not certain which path to choose. Always pursue what you want from life, and take the time to pause, to just be happy!

*All our Love... Mom, Dad, & Evan*

Maintain your momentum in order to meet your objectives. Throughout the years, you have persevered with a commitment for excellence. You have demonstrated that when you performed in the classroom and as a member of the Kiski Marching Band. Continue to grow stronger. Stay safe, and God Bless.

*Love... Gramma & Pop*



# ETHAN



**Jake,**  
You can do anything you set  
your mind to. Congratulations!

new balance

Love,  
Mom, B, Rilee,  
Blake, Tobey, Ruby,  
and the Ws

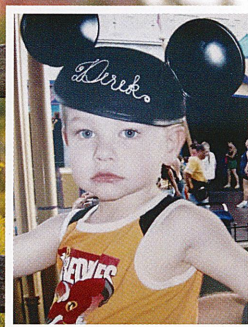
## Derek...

"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

- Walt Disney

**We love you  
to infinity and  
beyond!**

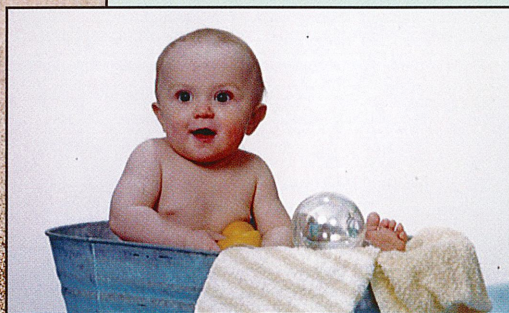
Dad, Mom,  
and Zack



# JOE...

We knew from the time you were born you were a very "special" individual. Even though 2020 was not what we expected, you made the best of it. Your talents amaze us more every day. Dad would be very proud of your accomplishments. We love you and hope all your dreams come true.

Love,  
Mom and Ant





# SAMMY,

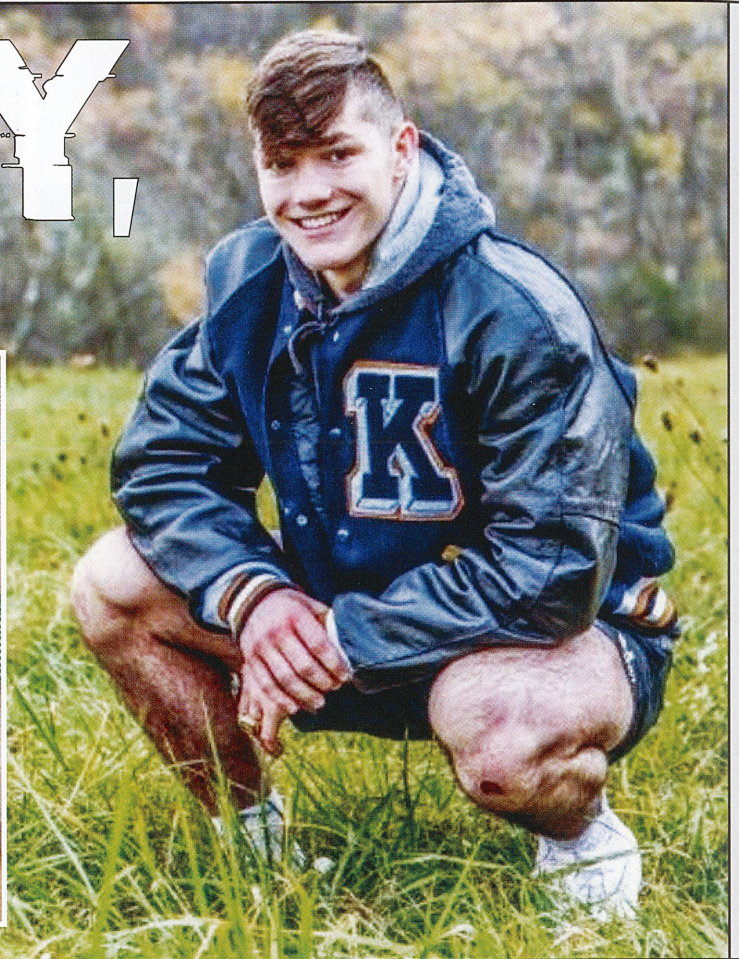
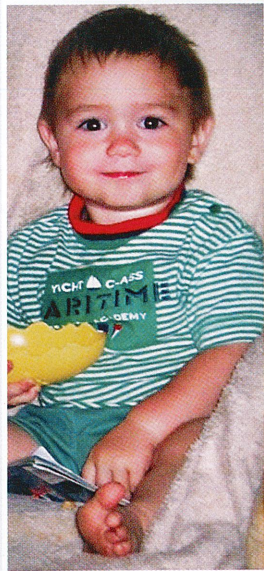
One of the greatest gifts God has ever given us is the absolute joy of raising you from a sweet, adorable baby to the wonderful, kind, sensitive, and caring young man you have become.

It has been an indescribable adventure, having front row seats to your journey through life.

You are an amazing son, and we could not be prouder of you or love you more deeply than we already do.

We cannot wait to see where your dreams take you next. We love you to the moon and back, Sammy!

Love, Mom and Dad

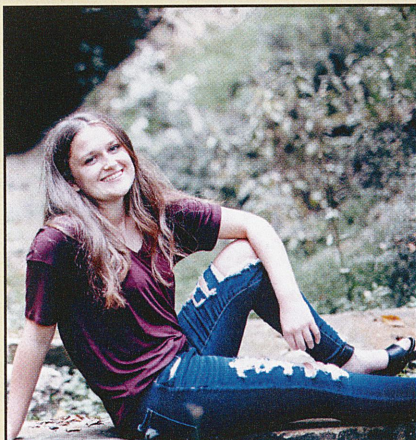


# Madison,

We are extremely proud of the beautiful young woman you have become.

We are so excited to watch as your journey into the future unfolds and are sure there are amazing things in store. Congratulations!

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Laci



Many years from now, you will go back to this time capsule, ponder the enjoyment you had, like I am now as your Dad.

You bring so much joy and love to my life as my daughter. I pray for the best life for you. Remember, I'll be leaning on the fence watching you.

As a mom, watching you grow has brought many feelings of love. What I admire most about you now as a woman is your strength and individuality.

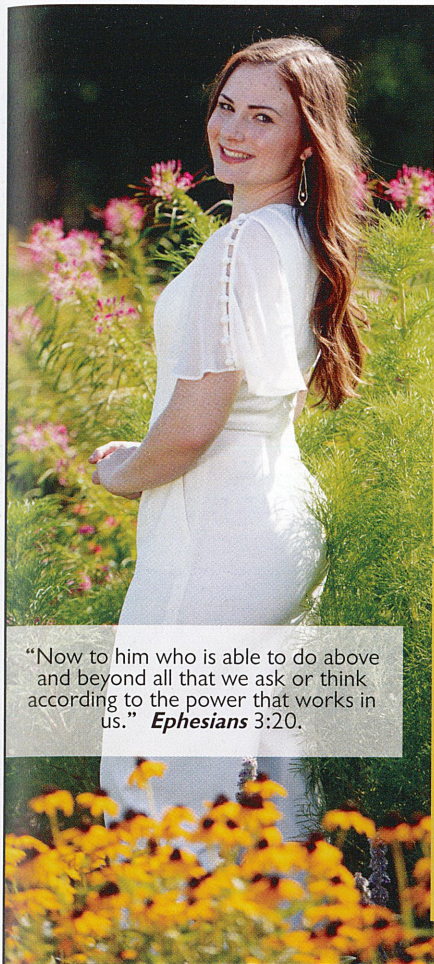
I feel a great sense of pride knowing that there is NOT ONE THING in this world that you cannot achieve once you set your mind to it. Every AT BAT will be a home run!

Love, Mom and Dad

# Congrats, KINGER!







"Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us." **Ephesians 3:20.**

### Rebekah,

Although this year hasn't been what you thought it would be, you continued to find joy amidst the challenges you faced. You are strong, resilient, intelligent, empathetic, funny, and a beautiful blessing. We know you will continue to make a difference and be like the coffee bean. We love you and are so excited to see where God guides you in your next chapter at Grove City, both academically and athletically.

Well done, Boo.

— Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Grace



### LEX,



You have always been a strong, independent young woman with your own ideals and passions. These characteristics will serve you well as you head to the University of Kentucky. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for you. We are so proud of you and could not love you more!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Mason

# AUBREY LYNN LARGE



You made it. It was a tough year in so many ways, but also a great year because now you know how strong you are. We've watched in amazement over the years as you've grown into the person you are today, and we are watching with great anticipation to see what you become. It's now time for something new, and as your biggest fans, we can't wait to see what happens next. With your talent and determination, the sky's the limit.

We love you to the moon and back, Peanut.

Love always,  
Mom, John, Adam, Pappy Bill, and Nana Donna





# KRISTIN,



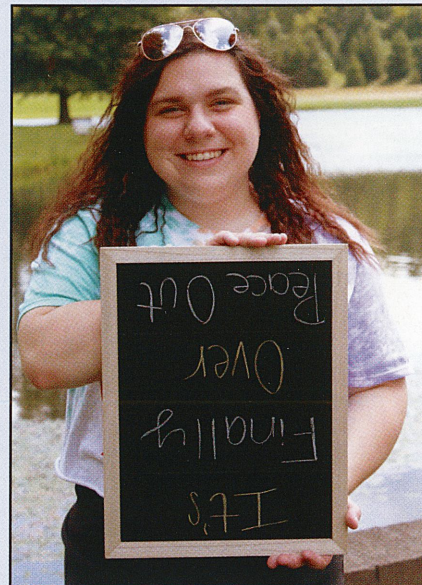
We cannot believe it is your senior year already. Although it was not what you thought it was going to be, you still succeeded with the remote learning and working. You definitely showed that you are ready to take on the world. We are excited to see what this next chapter of your life brings you. Whatever it is, we will be there watching and cheering you on!

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, Katie,  
Mike, & Mark

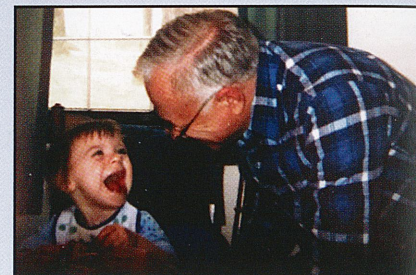
# Hannah,

Dad and I are so proud of you! We are excited to see what your next chapter brings. You will do great at Clarion.

We love you!



From our little girl to a beautiful young lady; do not ever lose that smile!



Kristen and I have watched you blossom into a smart, beautiful, and kind young lady. We are all very proud of you and everything you have accomplished. You are amazing, and we know you will do great things in your future. Stay sweet, keep kind, and never give up. Keep your head up, stay focused, always have the "go-getter" attitude to get things done, and success shall follow.

We love you very much,  
Daddy, Kristen, Jacob,  
Adam, and Joylin

# Aubrey,

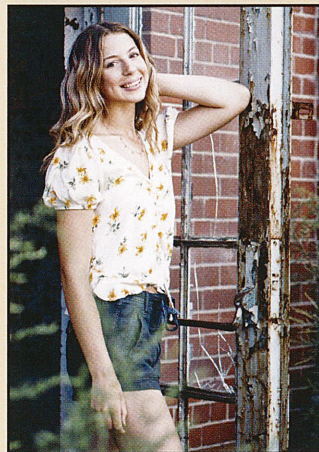


# Kasandra,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. This is just the beginning.

Wherever you go,  
go with all your heart.

Love... Mom & Dad





# Zachy,

We are beyond proud of you. You have a heart of gold so don't ever change. Follow your dreams, and be happy always. Love, Dad and Mom  
XOXO  
(I'm serious about those bedbugs!)



# Ally,

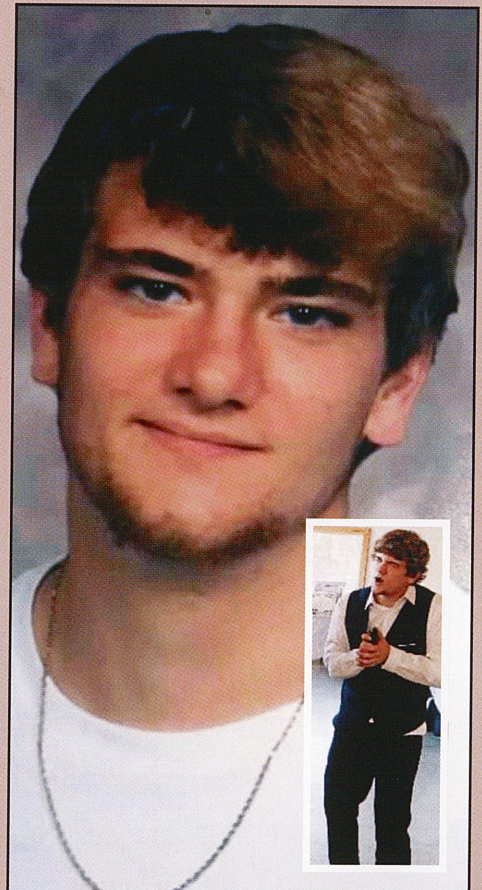
To our beautiful, witty, intelligent, hard-working first born: We love you and are excited to see the journey ahead of you unfold. Even in uncertain seasons of life, such as what we are experiencing now, God has a plan for you and your future which you can rest in. We are incredibly blessed to be your parents and are always here for you. Love, Mom & Dad  
Jeremiah 29:11



# EZEKIEL JACK KEITZER

We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully. We wish you adventure on your journey, and may you always stop to help someone along the way. Listen to your heart carefully, and always remember how much you are loved.

We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Ez, Mal, & La





# CEEJAY

You have and always will be my most proudest accomplishment. We love you to the moon & back and are very proud of you. So excited to see where the future takes you and what adventures lie ahead. Keep reaching for the stars, knowing that we will always be here, cheering you on!

*Mom, Todd, Isla & Adrie*



# Hayley,

We are so very proud of you. You have gone from our little princess to a beautiful, awesome, young woman. Every day you show us how amazing you are. You are such a loving and caring person and truly have a bright future ahead. Always remember you can make all your dreams come true with perseverance and hard work.

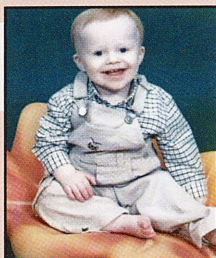
*Love, Mom, Dad, and Bucky*



Featuring: Zachary Roden



# Zach,



You have made us proud of you since you were a little guy, and we are so proud of you now. We wish you the best of everything in your future.

*Love, Bubba and Pap*

# Valerie,

It has been nothing short of amazing to watch you grow into the talented and kind young woman you are today.

Our hope for you, sweet daughter, is that you will always be able to smile at life, filled with serenity to accept the things you cannot change, courage to change the things you can, and wisdom to know the difference.

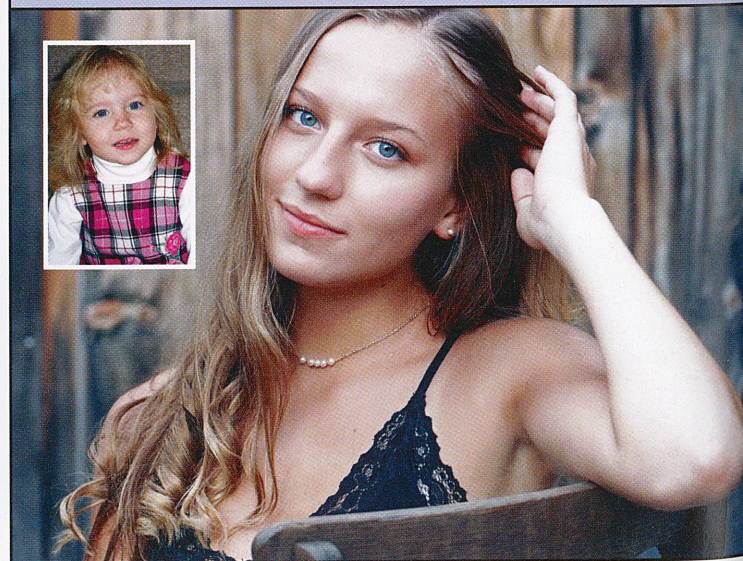
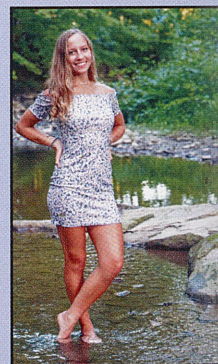
*All our love, All our lives, Mom and Dad*



# CONGRATULATIONS, JORDAN!

How is it possible that our baby girl is graduating from high school? We are so proud of the young lady you have become and all you have accomplished along this journey. Your hard work and dedication are inspiring. As you prepare to begin the next chapter of your life, know that it won't be easy. But, never doubt yourself or your ability to achieve greatness. Believe in yourself, and nothing will stop you from reaching your goals. We love you so much and are very proud of you!

*Love, Mom, Dad, & Taylor*

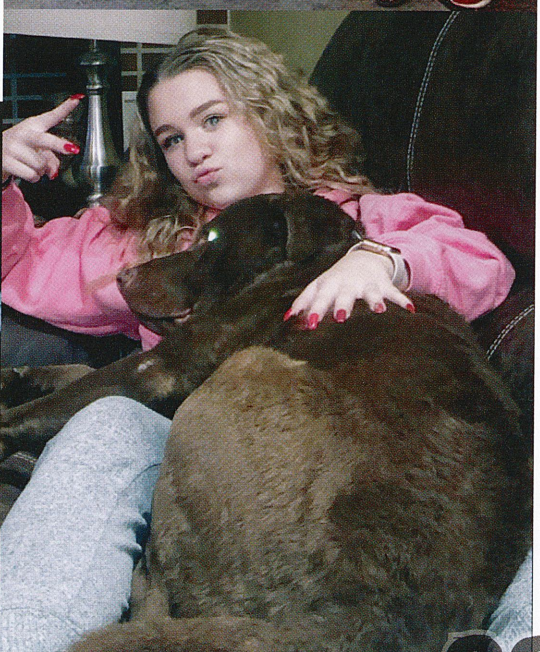
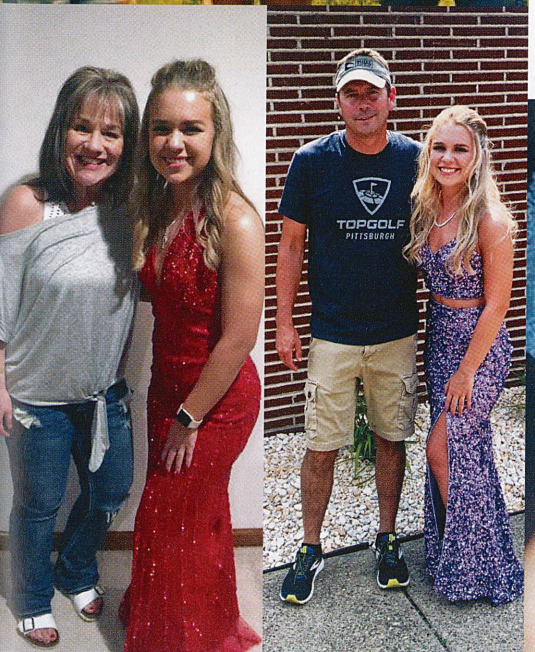




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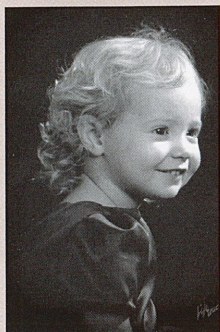
While we sit here trying to figure out what to write to you, we are flooded with countless, wonderful memories of the last 18+ years with you in our lives! Between your sweet soul and your quick wit, you never cease to amaze us. Each time we thought we couldn't be more proud of you, you would always turn up with something more phenomenal. We cannot wait to see what accomplishments your future holds. We love you tons, baby!

**Congratulations!**





# *Congratulations, Jordan!*



Words cannot express how proud I am of you. You have grown into an amazing young woman.

You are a scholar, an artist, an athlete, and the most incredible daughter and friend.

Your Dad would be so proud of you.

I know he is smiling down on you from Heaven.

The world is yours Jordan...

I can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

I love you to the moon and back.

Love, Mom



# SABRINA...



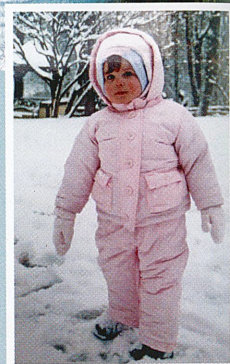
You are the sweet baby girl that completed our family perfectly. You are an incredible young woman...

So intelligent, hard-working, kind, and compassionate. You are beautiful inside and out. I am so

excited for you and look forward to all of the wonderful things your future has in store.

Dream big, and know you are always loved.

Love,  
~Mom~



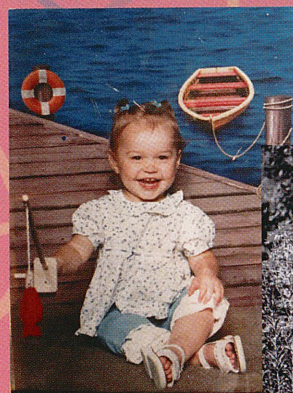
# Casey,

You were the sweet baby girl that completed our family.



We could not be prouder of you. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Lucy



Bailey Lyn,

Reach for the stars and never settle for less because you deserve true happiness. You were born special, one of a kind, with a beautiful heart and mind. Always continue to make your own way with your own ideas. Your kind, loving, smart, funny, and true, which is why, my daughter, nobody's quite like you.

Love you forever, Mom.



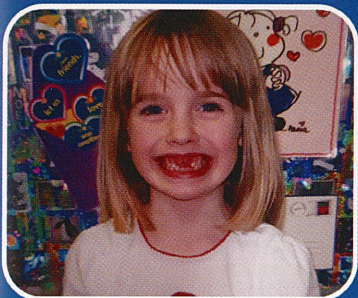


Madaline Devey  
Class of 2021

Seems like it was just an Echo in Time when we started this adventure and Out of the Blue you are a Senior!



There have been good times and challenges, but you were Bold Enough to Knock on many doors and even break some down to find your way in this world.



We could not be prouder of all you have accomplished and we know you will do great things! This year you played For the Heroes, but you have faced this year like our hero.

Congratulations!!

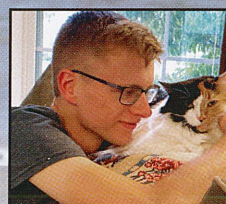
We Love You!!  
Mom, Dad, & Sydney

## Joey - first born, big brother, hero, blessed

You have achieved so much. Eagle Scout, runner, performer, gamer, and so much more. You're a steady rock for our family and a hero to us. I love you.

You deserve the whole world, and I know you will find continued success in all you do. I've always got your back.

Love, Mom  
P.S. Come home a lot.



## ZACH,

"There's no one I'd rather shred the gnar with than you!"

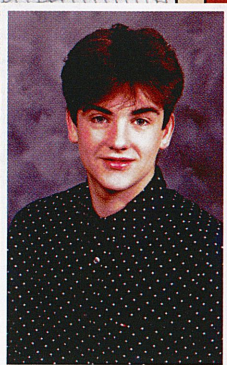
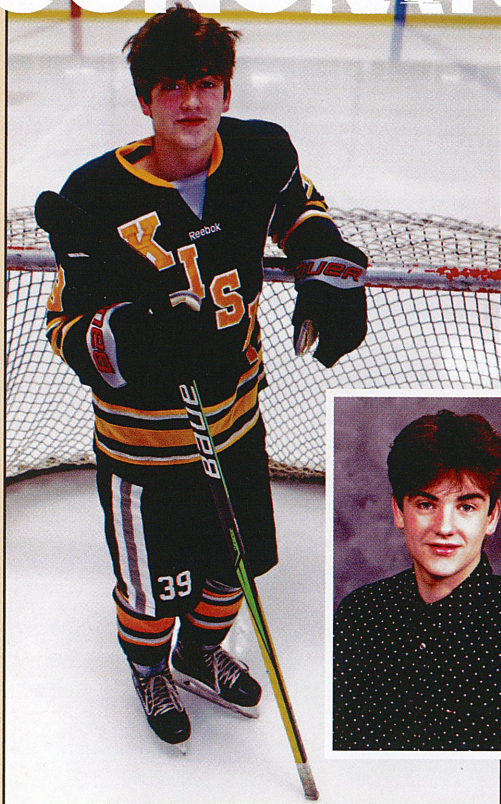
Love you, Josh



"Smiling with you since day 1!"  
Love, Sean

Featuring: Zachary Roden

# CONGRATULATIONS ROWAN!



No one could be prouder of the man you've become, and we look forward to watching you exceed in all of your dreams in the next chapter of your life.

We hope you surround yourself with positive people, stay true to yourself, continue to grow and learn, and continue to be a positive influence on those around you.

Rowan, you've grown into a smart, caring, and handsome, young man who stands out as a leader and has a great sense of humor. You've given us so many reasons to be proud. Still, the proudest moment is when we tell others that you are our son. Well done, and remember how much you are loved.

Mom & Dad



## Yuner Sesmas (Chuwa)

Congratulations mijo, you did it! We are so proud of you for graduating high school and continuing on to college. You have proven that when you set your mind to it, you can accomplish anything. We love you and are so proud.

With love... Mom, Dad, Irving, Lizeth, Maxciel, Arlett, and Trixie.



"Dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

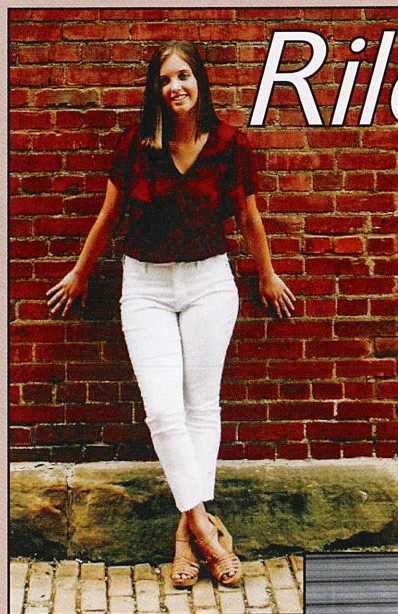
- Walt Disney

## Riley Jo,

We are so proud of you.

You are going to do amazing things, and we can't wait to watch you succeed!

~ Stay true to yourself ~  
~ Be strong ~  
~ Dream big ~



So much love,  
Mom & Dad,  
Shayne & Sarah,  
Ciara & Tyler,  
Logan & Nicole,  
Tanner, Gram, Athena,  
Nessie, & Juice



## Alyssa Fry,

Thank you for all the joyful years you have given our family. Embrace all the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Be wise, and learn from others, even if you already know. Be kind, when others are not.

Surround yourself with people who reflect who you are and who you want to become. Pursue your dreams!

Love you,  
Grandma Bev and  
Grandpa Ken



Featuring: Alyssa Fry

# CONGRATULATIONS, EDDIE!

We've watched in amazement as you've grown into the person you are today, and we're watching with great anticipation to see what you become. With your talent and determination, the sky's the limit.

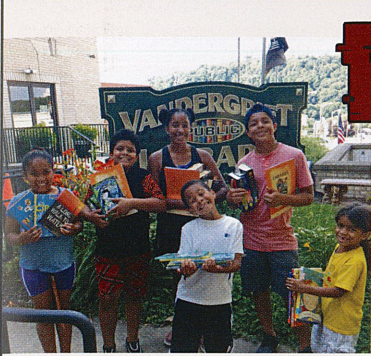
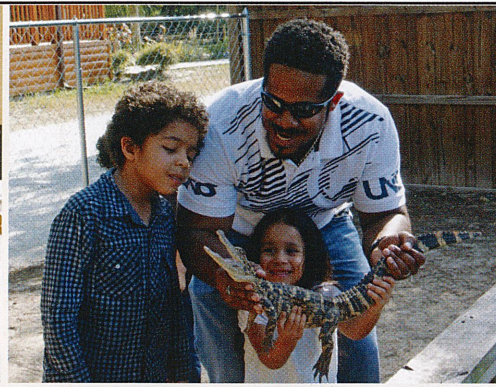
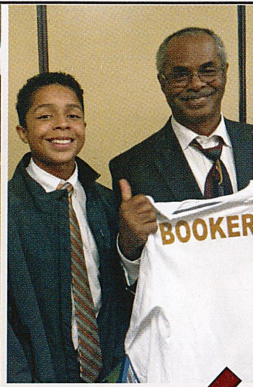
Congrats on your acceptance to Lehigh University.  
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We're so proud of you and we love you!

Love,  
Mom, Matthew,  
Aunt Sharon,  
Uncle Marty,  
Nana,  
and the Burkes



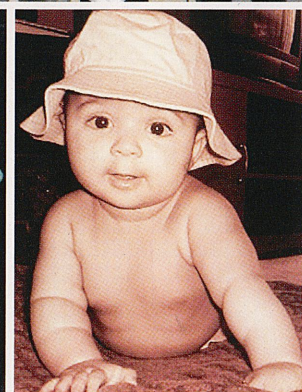
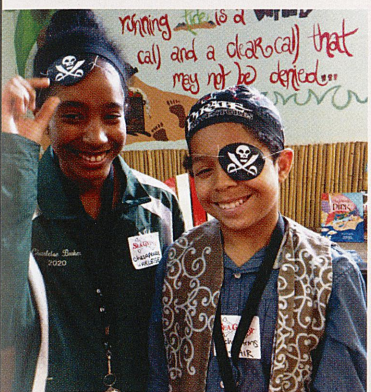
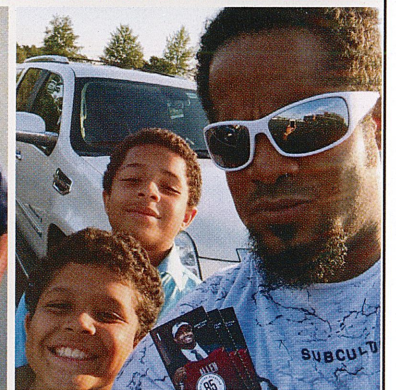




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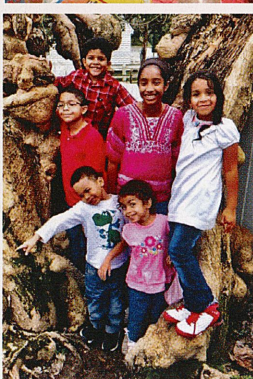
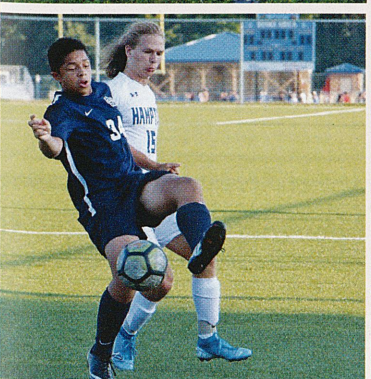
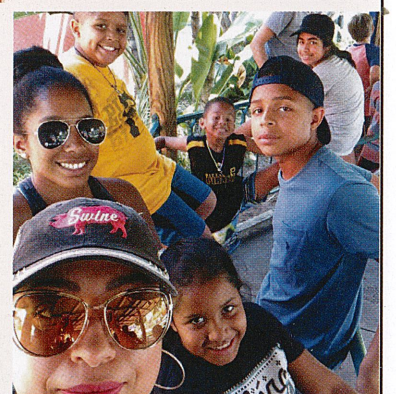
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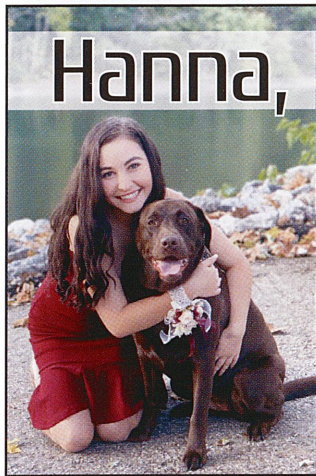
## Con Dios

## Todo Se

## PUEDE!







# Hanna,

It is hard to believe you are graduating and soon going to college. I know you will do great things. I am so proud of you. You set your goals high and work so hard to make them happen. Chatham is lucky to have you. I know you will do great things! You have been gifted with some unique challenges but always face everything head-on and overcome with such courage. Hanna, you have grown from my beautiful, high-spirited, eye-rolling girl into an even more beautiful, intelligent-minded, hardworking, determined, and fiercely independent, young lady. I am so proud of you. Continue to be you, and always remember that I love you!  
Love,  
Mom

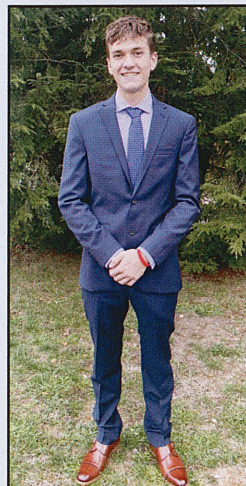


# MASON,

**"A river cuts through a rock not because of its power but its persistence."**

In a year filled with adversity, we are so proud of the young man you have become. Stay focused, work hard, and never give up!

All Our Love,  
Dad, Mom, Madison, Seth, Sophia, and Sadie



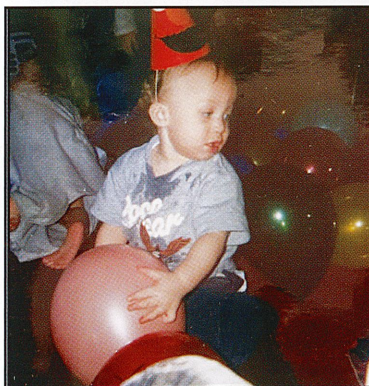
# MICKALLA MARTIN

We are so very proud of you.

**Love You Always.**

Momma and Dad

Featuring: Mickalla Martin



# Andre,

You are loved beyond measure, and we are behind you always.

Love, Mommy, P, Sade, Abrahm, Ziporah, and Ashton



The time is now here, as the world opens its arms to you. And, for each and every road you take, know we are to see you through.

You'll have obstacles—no doubt. But, whatever gets in your way, find a different route.

For you're the driver of your destiny, passenger of none-in-control, and looking forward of the things that are to come.



## Giovanni Antonio Cardamone Scampone

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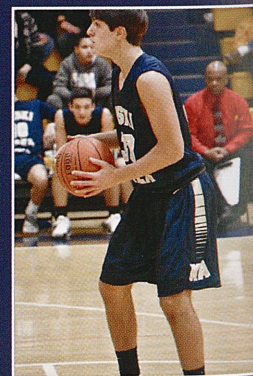
Giovanni, words cannot express the love and pride that we feel for you. It's hard to believe that this is your last year in high school, but there is still so much out there for you to experience and achieve. Whenever you put your mind to something you're passionate about, we know that you're not afraid of hard work, and you can achieve anything.



Remember to keep your eyes on God, and He will help you fulfill your goals in life.

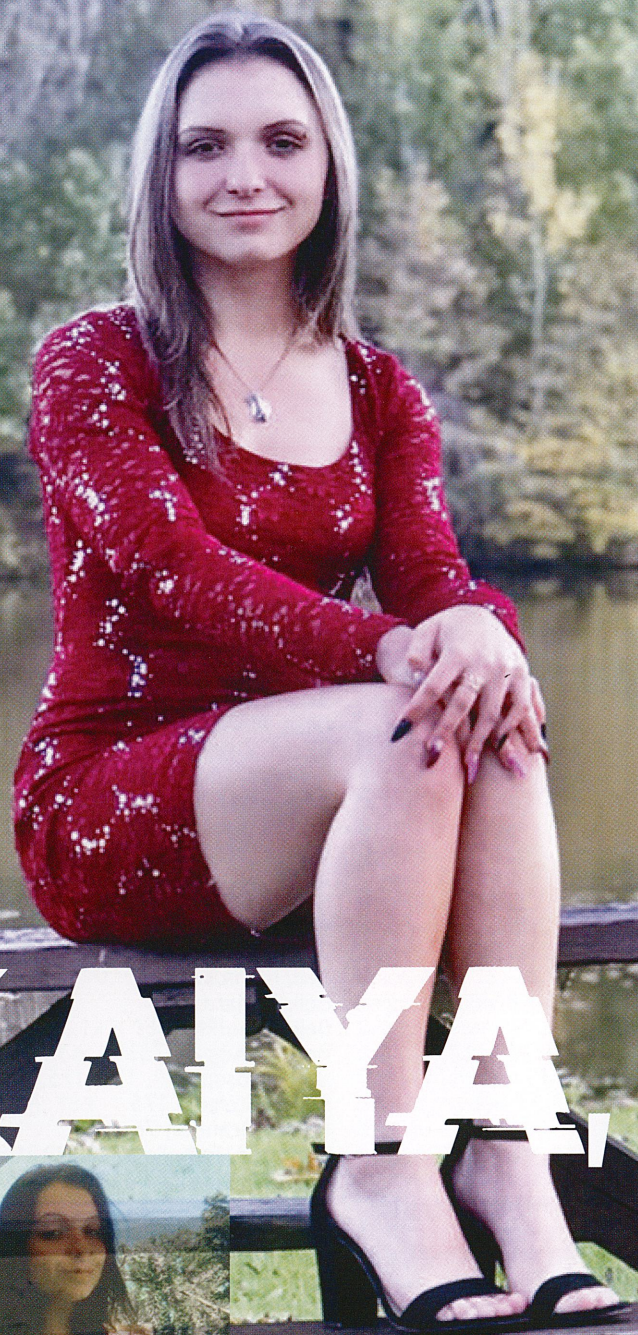
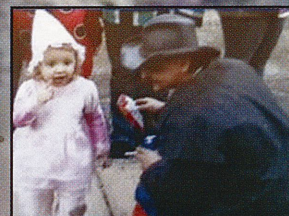
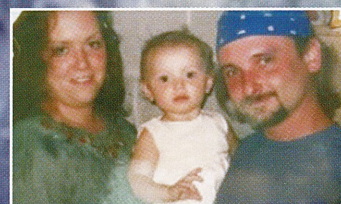
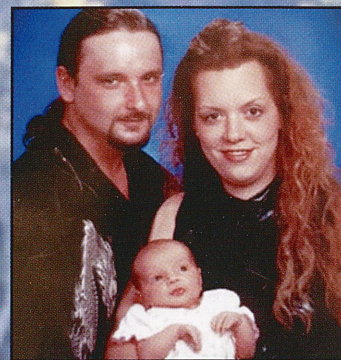
We love you...

Mom,  
Dad,  
and Mia





I am so very proud of you and  
being your Mom.  
Love you... told you first!  
I love you to the moon and  
back... Infinity and Beyond.  
Life is a book unwritten... Only  
you hold the pen.  
You're the Rory to my Lorelai.



KAIYA

All I really need  
to know I learned  
from

The Wizard of Oz

 Imagination can take you anywhere-  
even over the rainbow.   
Sing the song in your heart.  
Enjoy the beauty of new places.  
Take care of our four-legged friends.   
Only bad witches are ugly.   
Ruby slippers are awesome.  
The Yellow Brick Road leads to magical places.  
Make friends all along your journey.   
Use your brain.   
Persevere- even when things are scary.  
Stand up for yourself and never give up.  
Courage takes many forms.   
A heart is not judged by how much you love,  
but by how much you are loved by others.  
All you really need is right there inside of you.  
 Remember, there's no place like home. 

-Linda C. Harris ©





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*Evan Artman (9)*

"Thank you to my parents and sister for being my biggest supporters and inspiring me to become better at my hobbies each day."

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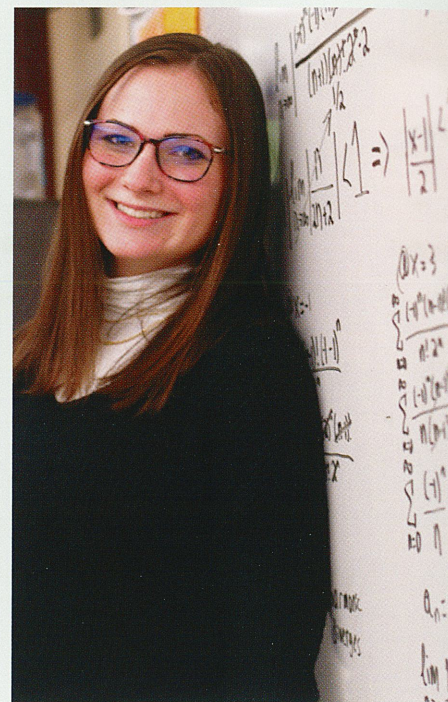
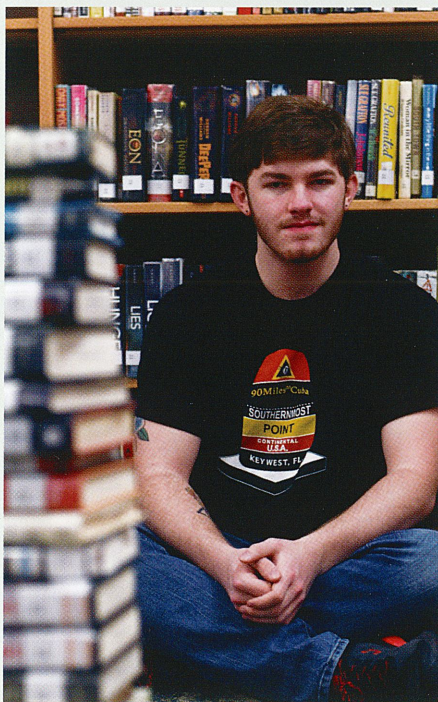
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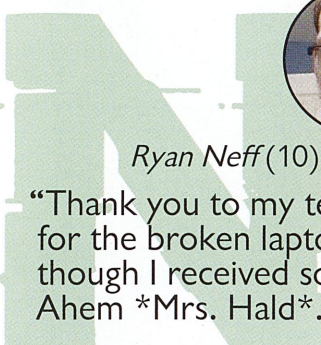


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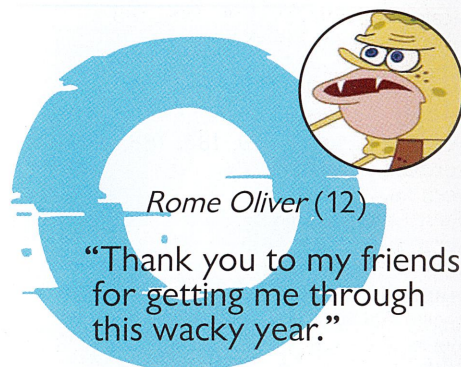
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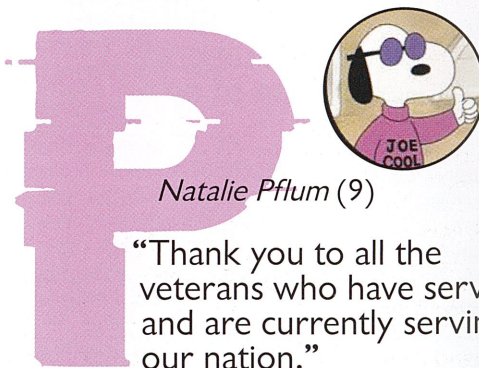
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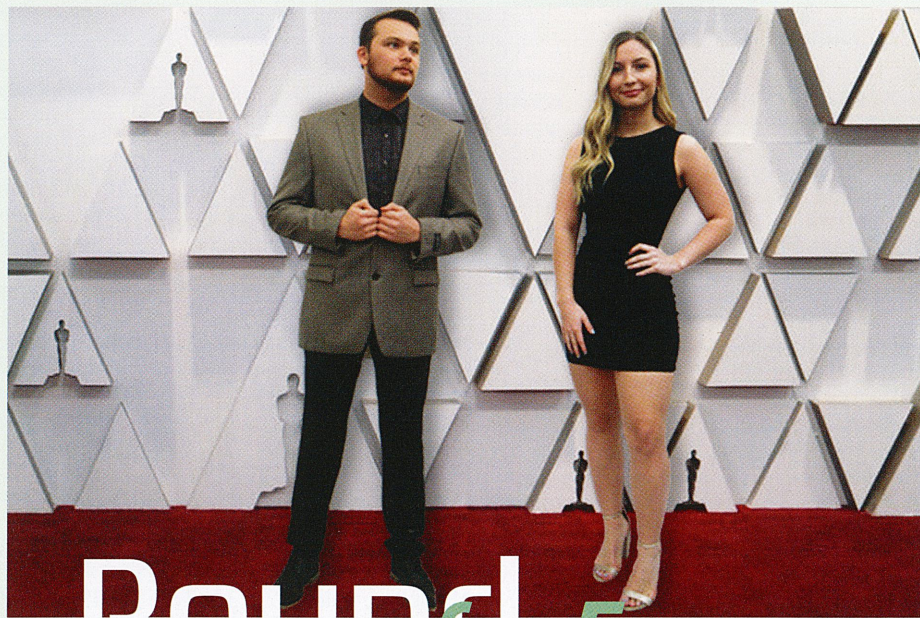
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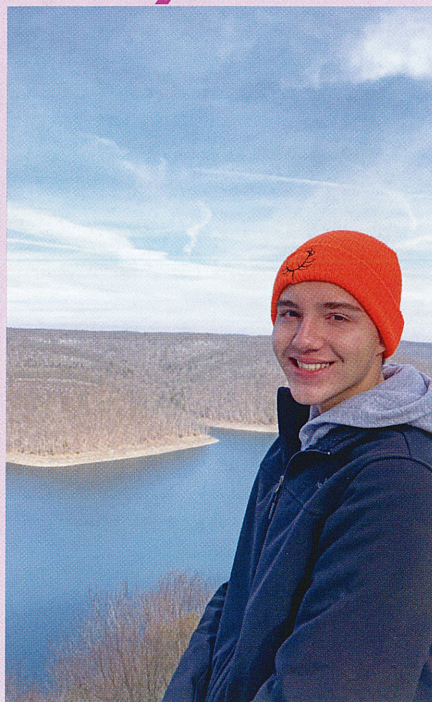
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Bailey Hamilton, Sam Wigton, and Hanna Zidek

Whom or what would you like to thank?

"Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers that have pushed me into working hard and getting through my work. That way, I can be successful in my future and get my dream job."

Heather Schmidt (10)

"I want to thank the marching band and the stage crew for helping me find where I fit in at Kiski."

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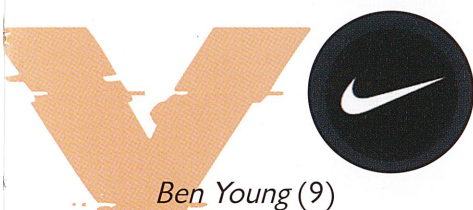
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"Thank you to Mr. Gray for a relaxing class this year."

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"Thank you to everyone I know for encouraging me and letting my inspiration and creativity drive me towards the heart of my goals."

"Thank you to Mr. Ridgeway for being a great teacher and allowing me to discover a truly exciting pathway of careers."

Jordan Miller (11)



# Most artistic

*Brice Hoculock and Chloe Young*

Whom would you like to thank?

"I'd like to personally thank everyone who was involved with this year's 'Cavaret.' Thank you all for giving me an outlet to perform in a year that would otherwise be impossible to perform in."

Garrett Seymour (9)

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# BREAKING NEW GROUND

## Making the best of a different situation

Story: R. Fowler (12)

In a year that many could never imagine, changes to our daily routine became noticeable in most aspects of our lives. However, changes not only occurred in what we did, but in who we became.

"I learned that I am a lot more flexible than I thought. I learned how to fit more work into a day, and my time management skills improved a lot," Zachary Fry (12) said.

Despite not gathering as groups of 25+ in classrooms as usual, classmates still partnered on work as in years past.

"I really enjoy group work this year. We haven't been able to do much of it, but it's really nice to socialize with others like we did before all of this. It's also bittersweet at the same time because I miss how it used to be. But I am really glad when we do it in class," Ellie Hecker (9) said.

Whether in breakout rooms or six feet apart at school, one thing did not change—our collaborative human nature. No virus could stop us from coming together as one class period, one grade level, and one high school.

The *Campus* staff and advisers truly hoped that this book served to show that a pandemic did not stop students and staff from enjoying this year; it only pushed them further, and they... "Broke New Ground."





To find out more  
regarding Ciuca's  
pose, see page 182.

**Give it a twirl...**

At summer band camp, Bella Ciuca (8) practices her moves with the flag. Ciuca said, "Out of all the equipment I have spun, I do prefer flag. I love learning new tosses with flag, and I overall just enjoy the experience of performing with silk rather than a rifle." Ciuca planned to continue with color guard into high school due to her love for performing and the people she befriended.

Photo: J. Swanson (fac)

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# SENIOR

## SPECIALS

The Senior Specials represent a Cavalier tradition worth keeping. The staff tries to include only categories that reflect positively on the students.

Sometime in the spring semester, the staff designates a week for all seniors to vote on their favorite in a wide variety of categories.

Only the yearbook advisers have

access to the ballots. The yearbook staff plays no role in the election.

To maximize the opportunity for each student to receive a Senior Special, no senior may win two categories. Should one student win two or more categories, the yearbook advisers govern the final decision on how to award each category.

# SENIOR

## TRIBUTES

During the first week of school, each senior receives a form that defines everything parents need to know about Senior Tributes. The form details pricing, requirements for the ad, and deadlines.

The yearbook staff does its best to personalize each ad, and this takes a considerable amount of time. Furthermore, each year, the staff has

only a limited amount of space for Senior Tributes. Therefore, to guarantee that individual ads will appear in the book, the staff suggests that parents submit them as soon as possible. The *Campus* staff reserves the right to deny Senior Tributes once the designated amount of space has become filled.

# CAMPUS

## PRICING

Students order books online or in-person. Students must fill out a yearbook ordering form, place it in an envelope with the appropriate payment, and drop it in the wooden collection box outside of the library.

Alternatively, students and parents can order their yearbook online at

[yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com). If ordering online, students have additional options to customize their book.

The price of the book starts at \$65 and goes up to \$75 on January 8.

If the staff has books available at the end of the year, they will sell them on a first-come-first-serve basis.

# CLIENT

## SATISFACTION

Because the yearbook represents a student conceived, planned, and produced publication, the staff cannot guarantee complete satisfaction to the purchaser. Hence, the staff will not refund money for poor portrait quality, misspelled names, incorrect grade designation in captions, etc. Books returned for refunds must not have any writing in them and cannot display any obvious damage done by the student. Once returned, the book becomes property of the staff and may be resold at the current cost.

The yearbook staff will exchange books only for certain reasons. No exchanges will transpire unless the advisers determine that the book has a major flaw such as missing or upside-down pages. All refunds and exchanges happen only at the discretion of the advisers.

Should the yearbook staff have no record of a student ordering a book, the student must produce a canceled check or ordering receipt to demonstrate proof of purchase. No student may pick up a book for another student.



# SENIOR PICTURES

All seniors had to have their yearbook portraits taken by the official senior photographer, Paige Duckworth from *Hourglass Photo*.

The senior photographer offers various times for individual appointments, as well as a wide variety of packages from which to choose. While we certainly encourage it, students do not have to purchase pictures or packages from the senior photographer. However, each student must pay a sitting fee for the processing and developing of the pictures. This fee is \$20. The price may increase from year-to-year due to rising costs involved.

The yearbook staff can guarantee that individual senior pictures will appear in the book only if each student schedules his/her appointment on time, arrives promptly for the shoot, and chooses which proof to appear in the book on time. No profile shots will appear in the yearbook. Additionally, the yearbook staff and the senior photographer will define all due dates and will include these in the information given out at the senior portrait assembly.

By having portraits taken by the same photographer under the same conditions, the yearbook staff can implement uniform quality for all photographs, thereby serving the best interest of the students.





Jackson Bielek (12)

### Fantastic finish...

At the end of *Come Alive* during the spring musical *Cavaret*, Andie Zielinski (11) and the other dancers nail their final pointed poses. Zielinski said, "I loved the *Come Alive* dance because it was so different from any others we've done in musicals. We were able to showcase our own unique talents." In order to follow state pandemic guidelines, the prerecorded performances broadcast over YouTube to an all-welcomed at-home audience on March 19 and 20.

Grace Claxon (11)

Clayton Cramer (9)

Vincent Gray (9)

Viola Marangoni (9)

Cayden Castleberry (10)

Kacy Petersen (9)

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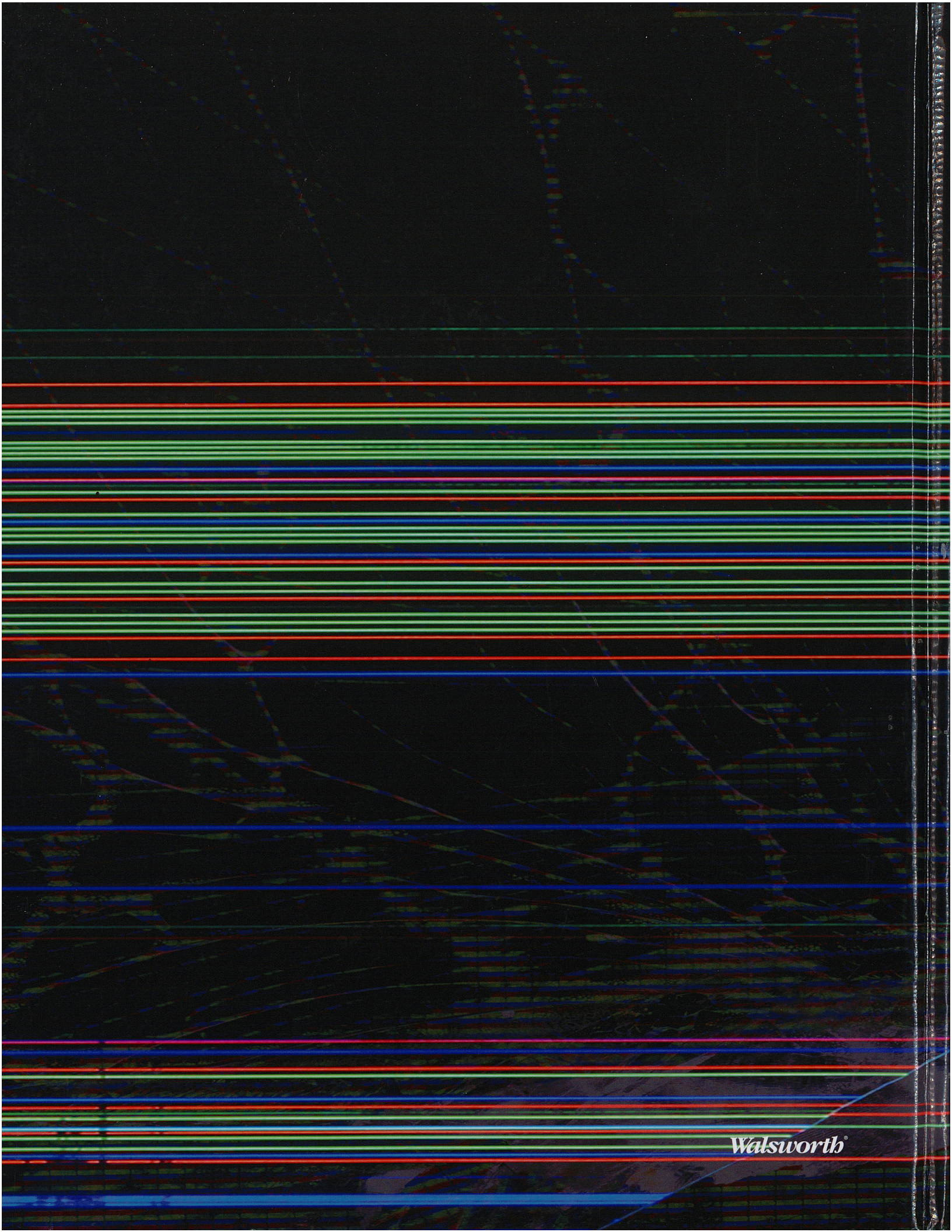
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